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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1559, April 7-13, 2011

Thu 1500 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
Thu 2100 WRMI 9955
Fri 0330 WWRB 2390 [confirmed, also on 5050 this week]
Fri 1430 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
Fri 2030 WWCR1 7465 [confirmed]
Sat 0800 WRMI 9955
Sat 1400 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
Sat 1600 WWCR2 12160 [confirmed]
Sat 1730 WRMI 9955
Sat 1800 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 7290 [new] 1566 1368
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955
Sun 1530 WRMI 9955
Sun 1730 WRMI 9955
Mon 1130 WRMI 9955
Mon 2130 WRMI 9955
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955

Wed 0100 WRMI 9955
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7415 [or 2115, or 2130]
Thu 0330 WRMI 9955

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** ABKHAZIA [and non]. ARMENIA/GEORGIA, respecting V. Byushelya wrong - in the Caucasus has two transmitters on 1350 kHz: say in Sukhumi in everyday life works 1500-1820 UT, including Abkhazian radio from 1500 to about 1540 UT and from 1800 to about 1820 UT, and another in Armenia until 1910 UT / now to 1810 UT / at a frequency of 864 kHz in Kurdish lang / Sorani /, then switching and 1915 / such as 1815 UT / 1350 kHz in Kurdish / Kirmandzhi/, then the Turkish / English / Hebrew and Russian portion, etc.

UTB no record of the Voice of Russia goes through Sukhumi tx site, and broadcast live from around 1540 to 1800 UT / now 1440-1700 UT /, according to the normal and summer time.

In the past, the Abkhaz radio broadcast radio program in Russia, now VSGR (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, RUSdx April 3 via BCDX April 5 via DXLD)

Translation?

Today again with a 0200 UT listen to 1395 kHz. The feeling is that now works entirely different transmitter - signal to a clearer and stronger than I have heard here a couple of days ago. Identifying clear - "On Air - Radio Caucasus, Radio Voice of Russia. This is even more interesting, as our foreign colleagues have heard here on March 31 is still Radio YUFM <http://mediumwave.info/news.html>

In general, very confused - who is broadcasting, where, why signals and broadcast programs different? (Andrew, Poltava-UKR / "open_dx" RUSdx Apr 3, ibid.)

** ALASKA. Poor conditions on all bands this morning as dawn approached. 11870, KNLS, 1248 Apr 6, English, man speaking about Bible, Gospel song. Very poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At least that confirms one A-11 frequency in their self-contradictory schedules. One version shows besides 12, other English also on 11870 at 08, and 10; 11765 at 14; anyone hear those? (gh, DXLD)

** ALBANIA [and non]. 13625, R. Tirana check April 1 at 1436 in English, has fair modulation and understandable with some concentration, but better modulation on neighbor 13620 aimed in opposite direxion, 80 degrees from IBB KUWAIT in Urdu.

13640, R. Tirana, English to Eu and NAm at 1845-1900 and 2000-2030 Mon-Sat, on a frequency which was carefully chosen and registered not to cause or be subject to interference, now has co-channel QRM since a few days after A-11 officially started, All India Radio began using it during these hours and beyond: 1715-1945 in Arabic, 1945-2030 in French, 500 kW, 300 degrees via Bengaluru. First noted by Noel Green in England, where AIR ruins Tirana reception, so we monitored it April 2:

Until 1857 or so, R. Tirana was atop the CCI, which became clearly audible once Tirana went off. The QRM was stronger before *1959 Tirana resumed, and it started atop, but progressively lost out to the interference, until by 2027 they were roughly equal levels. No doubt the situation is worse further east and south from here, and intolerable in Europe. Since propagation was subnormal today, the clash could be worse when conditions improve.

Since Tirana was on 13640 first (also previous seasons) and duly coordinated, AIR, which is obviously capable of changes at short notice, should move immediately to a clear 13 MHz frequency, of which

there are plenty.

While barely evading a collision with Albania, Dardasha 7 from Cyprus, due south via Wertachtal is also on 13640 in Arabic at 1900-1930, Wolfgang B¸schel reports.

Tirana skips Sundays in English, so the other two may be heard today, without Shijak, that collision resuming Monday unless AIR relents.

13640, R. Tirana check vs All India Radio co-channel QRM, Monday April 4: At 1926 only AIR clashing with the other Arabic station on 13640.

At 2000 all I hear is AIR until *2001.5 RT carrier cuts on the air late and applied audio at 2001.6 as the 2-minute opening full-English schedule announcement is about to conclude. RT on top but QRM audible under, about the same as last previous English service on Saturday. Since RT is not fully modulated, it cannot afford any such QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

/D.P.R. KOREA, 6015, Radio Tirana Serbian broadcast on 6015 kHz at 1800 UT interfered by North Korea co-channel jamming. North Korea co-channel in spring and autumn with Radio Tirana Serbian Program on 6015 kHz r-st Shijak. Suggestions to move to 6025 or 6030 kHz instead.

P. R. Korea doesn't participate on any HFCC conferences. They jam South Korean outlets on 5890, 6003 and 6015 kHz heavily. So maybe a co-channel collision on RT 6015 kHz 1800-1815 UT appears at present, especially in April, Sept and Oct months. 6015 kHz channel needs further monitoring all over ex-YUG and Europe.

"R Tirana Serbian 6015 kHz suffers strong jamming signals co-channel from P. R. Korea in spring and autumn, so maybe suggest to Mrs. Drita Cico to move up to either 6025 or 6030 kHz channel in future." (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA [and non]. 11775, April 2 at 1350, PMS is JBA and I thought she was very undermodulated until I noticed a SAH, indicating suppression by a stronger carrier atop; but nothing else scheduled now except AIR Tibetan/Nepali via GOA at 1200-1430, surely not the source of this. Could have been a R. MartÌ Greenville or Sackville tuneup for evening service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [and non]. 15476, another month starts and still no LRA36, despite repeated reactivation expectations and excuses: not even a carrier, April 1 at 1249, 1323, 1431.

15476, still no carrier from LRA36, Monday April 4 at 1251, 1317, and at 1401 when Polskie Radio via UK was OK on 15480.

15476, LRA36, no carrier April 5 at 1307, 1356 chex. How about another contact with the station for an update on its plans? Apparently this is a very low priority at Base Esperanza.

After checking 15476 just about every weekday morning for more than two months, LRA36 is finally back on the air! Tipoff as I tuned across was tell-tale 4-kHz het against Poland [non] 15480. April 6 at 1332, 15476 with songs, lots of fading, S9+10 peaks. Previously until it disappeared in November, there would often be nothing but a carrier on its signature off-frequency. By 1346 it`s weakening, no announcements heard yet. On wide bandwidth, a 6 kHz het starts at 1358.8 from 15470, i.e. BBC Hindi via Cyprus (and registered TOM via Nauen until 1400 still missing from 15470).

Still detectable carrier at 1415, 1433. Between 1358 and 1430 there are stronger Europeans on both sides, 15470 and 15480. Wonder what the transmission span really is now? Used to be 1200-1500v M-F but recent reactivation plans mentioned 1100-1800, and later, 1230-1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Estimadas en LRA36: Con mucho gusto pude captar su emisiÛn reactivada hoy en la frecuencia ˙nica de 15476 kHz. SintonicÈ a las 1332 Tiempo Universal (1032 hora de Argentina), escuchando canciones. Se desvanecÌa poco a poco, aunque todavÌa captada la portadora hasta una hora despuÈs. L·stima que hay emisoras europeas en 15470 y 15480 aunque no muy fuertes. Quedan muy afortunadas que no hay ninguna emisora m·s en 15475!

Por favor averiguar si hoy 6 de abril era su primer dÌa en el aire, despuÈs de noviembre? Y øcu·l es el horario exacto y en que dÌas de la semana?

Trataba de sintonizarlas casi todos los dÌas laborales desde su desapariciÛn el 12 de noviembre, seg˙n me acuerdo. Espero captar su emisora muchas veces m·s con mejor calidad.

Ya informÈ a los colegas aficionados de la onda corta de su nuevas transmisiones. øTalvez ya recibieron otros informes?

Hay un sitio web actualizado para Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel?

Atentamente,

Glenn Hauser
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Enid OK 73702 EE UU (sent to LRA36 April 6; no reply by April 9, DXLD)

** ANTIGUA. Glenn: DXLD coverage of the closing of the BBC Caribbean service makes me wonder whatever happened to the relay and monitoring station the BBC had on Antigua. The antennae, located on the eastern side of the island, were impressive. I vaguely remember hearing that the site was to be put up for sale years ago, but have heard nothing since. I wonder about the equipment (transmitting, receiving, antennae) and the land. Perhaps a DXLD reader has some insight? (Mike Cooper, Apr 3, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, I don't have much info on this post site closure. Perhaps one of our other members knows more? I can say; that looking at GE imagery of the site, some six months after the closure of the site in 2005 for SW broadcasts, that the SW support masts were still in place. Regards (Ian Baxter, Australia, ibid.)

I've been wondering the same thing. Is this facility still for sale? I figured at the very least some religious broadcaster would buy it, or perhaps China Radio International.

Some things going against a sale: The transmitters are from 1975, and probably have a fairly limited remaining service life. Any new owner would soon have to invest in new units. Also, Antigua is right in the middle of the hurricane belt, which would make for significant insurance costs.

Also I don't recall if Antigua had its own power generators, or was connected to the local grid. Either way costs would be pretty steep in an island environment.

I have a feeling that with the demise of shortwave broadcasting to/from the Americas that there simply was little to no interest in purchasing the facility. Radio Netherlands probably was aware of that in the decision to close Bonaire next year, instead of attempting to sell it (along with, I would think, moving the relatively new Thomson transmitters to Madagascar.) (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DXLD)

The receiving and transmitting sites were, of course, separate. I visited once and recall some huge diesel generators, one for each transmitter plus an extra. It`s been off the air for many years now and I seriously doubt there is any possibility of reactivation, probably disposed of and/or demolished (gh, DXLD)

Dear All, I have just emailed my colleague who runs the bbc.eng website and he will post us a query on the sites's noticeboard. Whilst I was au-fait with the txs on ANT I never knew about the rxs! 73 (Dave G4OYX Porter at Woofferton, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. AM 850, Radio Rebelde --- Amigos de la Lista, 850 kHz, RADIO REBELDE es una nueva emisora de car·cter "no oficial" que ha sido reportada gracias a la informaciÛn suministrada por Federico Fuleston dÌas pasados. Esta estaciÛn es operada por el Movimiento de IntegraciÛn Latinoamericana de ExpresiÛn Social (M.I.L.E.S), una suerte de nuevo emprendimieniento polÌtico lanzado recientemente por el "ultra-oficialista" Luis DíElÌa, lÌder del Frente Tierra y Vivienda (FTV).

Esta emisora, ocupÛ la frecuencia que era ocupada por AM 850 "La Voz de AmÈrica - La Cadena Experimental" desde San Miguel oeste, Provincia de Buenos Aires. Como es lÛgico suponer, la emisora estarÌa orientada a defender la posiciÛn del Gobierno Nacional - m·xime si tenemos en cuenta las prÛximas elecciones legislativas - y siendo que en el acto de lanzamiento del M.I.L.E.S. de fecha 26-03-2011, estuvo presente el Presidente del AFSCA (Autoridad Federal de Servicios de ComunicaciÛn Audiovisual, Ex COMFER), Sr. Gabriel Mariotto. En consecuencia, esta radio de neto corte polÌtico - como bien puede apreciarse en la P·gina Web de la misma: http://www.amradiorebelde.com.ar dudo que tenga alg˙n tipo de dificultades como para mantenerse en el aire todo el tiempo que sea "necesario". -

Al parecer, estas "nuevas" radios son las que surgen al amparo de la aplicaciÛn de la nueva Ley de Medios N∫ 26.522, y si tenemos en consideraciÛn los antecedentes del lÌder de este movimiento (Sr. D'ElÌa), que son de p˙blico conocimiento - y que ni vale la pena mencionar en este artÌculo -, QuÈ podemos esperar del espectro en el futuro ??? ..... NO ??? (*Marcelo A. Cornachioni*, *Lomas de Zamora, Argentina*, April 1, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Is April Fool`s celebrated in the Argentine? It seems they admire El Che (gh, DXLD)

** ASCENSION. 17545, BBC WS relay, English Bay. 2011/03/27 sun 1759-1800* French. ID "BBC Africa" at 1800 sign off. Transmission not listed in Babcock's A11 schedule for the BBC, nor in HFCC A11. Both say it should be YFR from Ascension 1700-1800, in English. Good.

Ascension, 17545, Family Radio, English Bay, 2011/03/30 wed 1750-1759* Usual preacher. Good.

Ascension, 17545, BBC WS relay, English Bay. 2011/03/30 wed 1759-1800* ID only, right after Family Radio signed off at 1759. Switchover error at Ascension? BBC not listed here and now on Babcock's list - see also 17545 on 2011/03/27, same thing happened. Good (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, South Africa, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASIA [non]. RADIO FREE ASIA ISSUES 15TH ANNIVERSARY QSL CARD

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces the release of 36th QSL card. This is the first to commemorate 2011 as RFAís 15th anniversary with more cards expected throughout the year. RFAís first broadcast was in Mandarin Chinese on September 29, 1996 at 2100 UT. Acting as a substitute for indigenous free media, RFA concentrates its coverage on events occurring in and/or affecting the countries to which we broadcast. Those countries are: Burma, Cambodia, Laos, North Korea, Peoples Republic of China, and Vietnam. This QSL card will be used to confirm all valid reception reports from April 1 ñ June 30, 2011. The artwork depicts the Great Wall of China and is used by permission of the artist, Sarah L. Handler.

RFA is a private, nonprofit corporation that broadcasts news and information to listeners in Asian countries where full, accurate, and timely news reports are unavailable. Created by Congress in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, RFA currently broadcasts in Burmese, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean to North Korea, Lao, Mandarin, the Wu dialect, Vietnamese, Tibetan (Uke, Amdo, and Kham), and Uyghur. RFA strives for accuracy, balance, and fairness in its editorial content. As a ësurrogateí broadcaster, RFA provides news and commentary specific to each of its target countries, acting as the free press these countries lack. RFA broadcasts only in local languages and dialects, and most of its broadcasts comprise news of specific local interest. More information about Radio Free Asia, including our current broadcast frequency schedule, is available at http://www.rfa.org

RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at http://www.techweb.rfa.org (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DXíers, but also from its general listening audience. Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl @ rfa.org and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to:

Reception Reports
Radio Free Asia
2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300
Washington DC 20036
United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker (AJ Janitschek, Radio Free Asia via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. VL8T SW Transmissions --- Iíve noticed that SW frequency transmissions from the VL8T Tennant Creek SW transmitter site have been off for some time. However they are returning. The ABC advises that:

The short wave service from Tennant Creek is currently off due to some major works (they're replacing the transmitter) . The works are scheduled to finish on the 7th May 2011. The works may finish sooner or may go on a little longer, but at the moment all indications are that the service should be restored then. END QUOTE (Ian Baxter, Shortwavesites Yahoo Group, April 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

According to a recent release from Continental Electronics, the company is installing a 100 kW 418G DRM transmitter at Tennant Creek (Colin Miller, Canada, ibid.)

Thanks, Colin. I see looking at the txer specs that txer is capable of RF power output of 25-100 kW. Little doubt service will continue run up to the nominal licensed output of 50 kW, in usual analogue. No change in max licenced power in ACMA records (Ian Baxter, ibid.)

WTFK? 2325 night, 4910 day, alternate 3315 (WRTH 2011 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 5050 kHz AUS - back on & better. Ozyradio 5050 kHz (Sydney, Australia) is back on air testing with a new antenna using 300 W according to Craig Allen, the owner. Audio & signal quality so much better here now. Apparently station has been back on air for a couple of days. Whole new programming, whilst still in testing phase. Better signal than Radio Symban [2368.5] here. OS DXers should have a better shot at 5050 kHz now. Regards (Ian Baxter, NSW AUSTRALIA, 1032 UT April 6, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So is that its proper name now, Ozyradio, or just another nick? (gh)

Hi Glenn, When I contacted station owner Craig some weeks ago, I enquired about a station name. He gave it as 'Ozyradio'. One of his emails incorporates that name.

'Ozyradio' doesn't exist as a registered business name. Nor do I necessarily believe that the on-air station name/ID will eventually be 'Ozyradio', but given what Craig has said, let's refer to these broadcasts by that name until normal programming commences. Best regards (Ian Baxter, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. HCJB Australia A11 Schedule 27 March ñ 30 October 2011

Region	UT	Frequency

East Asia Morning 2200 - 0030 15525 kHz
South East Asia Morning 2345 - 0100 15400 kHz
South Asia Morning 0100 - 0300 15400 kHz
South Pacific Evening 0730 - 0930 11750 kHz
East Asia Evening 1030 - 1430 15400 kHz
South East Asia Evening 1145 - 1300 15340 kHz
South Asia Evening 1300 - 1530 15340 kHz
(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. Radio Austria International schedule on their website is now 0500-0615 Monday to Friday, 0500-0610 Saturday and Sunday to Europe on 6155; to Asia and Australia 1200-1230 on 17715, to Central America 0000-0030 on 9820, to North America 0030-0100 on 9820 and to South America 0100-0130 on 9820, all these transmissions Monday to Saturday (Mike Barraclough, DX News, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Are there still any English segments on 9820? Presumably HS token news in English remains circa 0608-0612 M-F on 6155 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. Re 11-13, TDP A-11 === they never publish transmitter sites, so Wolfgang B¸schel has added them:

Shortwave transmitter airtime program and frequency schedule A-11

Program	Time (UT)	Freq (kHz)	AM/ DRM	Days	language	target area	TX
Denge Mezopotamya	0400-1800	11530	AM	mtwtfss	Kurdish	ME	UKR
Denge Mezopotamya	1800-2000	7540	AM	mtwtfss	Kurdish	ME	UKR
TDPradio	0700-0800	6015	DRM	m.....	English	EUR	ISS
TDPradio	0800-0900	6015	DRM	.t.....	English	EUR	ISS
TDPradio	0900-1000	6015	DRM	..w....	English	EUR	ISS
TDPradio	1000-1100	6015	DRM	...t...	English	EUR	ISS
TDPradio	1100-1200	6015	DRM	....f..	English	EUR	ISS
TDPradio	1200-1300	6015	DRM	.....s.	English	EUR	ISS
TDPradio	1300-1400	6015	DRM	.....s	English	EUR	ISS
The Khmer Post R.	1200-1300	9960	AM	mtwtfss	Khmer	Asia	KororPLW
La Voix deDjibouti	1200-1300	21525	AM	...t...	Somali	Africa	SAM-RUS
The Disco Palace	1400-1500	6015	DRM	mtwtfss	English	EUR	ISS
Gunaz Radio	1430-1930	7610	AM	mtwtfss	Azeri	ME	UKR
Voice Of Asena	1700-1800	15350/ [or] 15360	AM	m.w.f..	Tigrinya	EaAF	SAM-RUS
The Disco Palace	2000-2100	17755	DRM	mtwtfss	English	AM	GUF
TDPradio	2100-2200	17755	DRM	mtwtfss	English	AM	GUF
Suab Xaa Moo Zoo	2230-2300	7530	AM	mtwtfss	Hmong	Asia	TAI-TWN

Source: <http://www.airtime.be/schedule.html>
(via Alexey Zinevich-BLR, dxld March 31)

UKR = Mykolaiv (Nikolayev), Ukraine relay (BC-DX April 5 via DXLD)

And so has Ivo:

** BELGIUM [non]. Summer A-11 of TDP stations:

Denge Mezopotamya in Kurdish:
0400-1400 on 11530 SMF 300 kW / 129 deg to WeAs Daily
1400-1800 on 11530 SMF 500 kW / 129 deg to WeAs Daily
1800-2000 on 7540 SMF 300 kW / 129 deg to WeAs Daily

TDP Radio in DRM:
0700-0800 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Mon
0800-0900 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Tue
0900-1000 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Wed
1000-1100 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Thu
1100-1200 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Fri
1200-1300 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Sat
1300-1400 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Sun
2100-2200 on 17755 GUF 100 kW / 311 deg to NoAm Daily

The Khmer Post Radio in Khmer:
1200-1300 on 9960 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Daily, new

La Voix de Djibouti in Somali+News in Arabic and French:
1200-1300 on 21525 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Thu

The Disco Palace in DRM:
1400-1500 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Daily
2000-2100 on 17755 GUF 100 kW / 311 deg to NoAm Daily

Gunaz Radio in Azeri:
1430-1930 on 7610 SMF 250 kW / 130 deg to CeAs

Voice Asena in Tigrinya:
1730-1800 on 15360 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Mon/Wed/Fri

Suaab Xaa Moo Zoo in Hmong:
2230-2300 on 7530 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Daily
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** BONAIRE. 6215 kHz 0300-0330Z --- Stewart MacKenzie of LA had a pretty amazing claim in his SoCal loggings on both the <ASWLC> and <primetimeshortwave> Yahoo groups a day or so back: an 800-watt Argentinian on 6214 at 0305Z. I've tried listening in Metro Vancouver for a couple of nights, but can't get a handle on it.

Whoever it is, is in Spanish, signs on abruptly ~0258:30 with

programming already in full swing. No ID at the hour but quick announcements with almost BBC-like short musical stingers till a seeming newscast for five mins, then longer interview segments by phone till abruptly off ~0327. Thought I caught a BBC mention at 0306 Thurs 7 Apr but reception is pretty rough. Anyone have any hints? 73 (Theo Donnelly, Burnaby, BC, Eton E1 + 10 metres of wire on apt balcony, ODXA yg via DXLD) Viz.:

ARGENTINA, Radio Balurte, 6214, 0305 GMT, Spanish, 333, April 3, Two OMs with comments plus some band music (Stewart MacKenzie, WDX6AA, Huntington Beach, California, United States of America, Kenwood R5000 and Grundig Satellit 650, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not bloody likely, low-power pirate which no one has reported in months (years?) even from South America. Instead, the next two logs in your report explain it: (gh)

``BONAIRE Radio Netherlands Relay 6190 0310 GMT Dutcj 444 April 3 Two Oms with comments. MacKenzie-CA..

BONAIRE Radio Netherlands Intl Relay 6165 0320 GMT Spanish 444 April 3 Two OMs with comments. YL singing 0322 GMT. MacKenzie-CA..``

This is another leapfrog mixing product from Bonaire, additional 25 kHz beyond 6190, and no doubt you would have found the ë6214` Spanish (really 6215, surely) to be // to 6165 if you had checked on your two receivers.

It`s missing from my dozen computed Bonaire leapfrogs around 49m, in DXLD 11-13, but checking the April 1 RNW complete schedule update, we do find this other overlap at 0259-0327 daily:
0159 0357 BON 6165 290 250 RNW Spa MexECarSUSA 27/03/2011 30/10/2011
0259 0327 BON 6190 330 250 RNW Nld nAMc 27/03/2011 30/10/2011

Now let`s see which DX editors go ahead and publish or broadcast this item unchallenged as Baluarte?

For the benefit of list-loggers, Aoki really ought to include these and my other computed Bonaire leapfrog frequencies, also same for Habana and Sackville, plus other notorious offending sites. Those would certainly be more useful than maintaining long-inactive pirates and defunct legal SW stations, not flagged as such.

BTW, I am not a hard-liner against list-logging, and do it myself --- but only by applying all available facts and experience, and if still not certain, saying so. And furthermore, if ever am completely wrong, hastening to correct it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST) gh also heard 6215 later, confirmed // 6165

** BRAZIL. Radio TransMundial - Informes de recepÁ„o --- Caros amigos. Informamos que a Radio TransMundial (Brasil) - TWR confirma informes de recepÁ„o corretos com belos cartıes QSL. Os informes de recepÁ„o podem ser enviados via postal ou via email (vide endereÁos abaixo), e devem conter dados indispens·veis para serem avaliados. A imagem de dois destes QSLs que s„o enviados no presente perÌodo pode ser encontrada na DXWays-br: http://dxways-br.blogspot.com Estamos apoiando a RTM atuando como V/S da mesma, avaliando os informes recebidos e emitindo os cartıes QSLs para envio das respostas.

InformaÁıes necess·rias para o informe de recepÁ„o:
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FREQUENCIA SINTONIZADA
DATA
HORA UTC
RECEPTOR
ANTENA
QUALIDADE DOS SINAIS (SINPO)
DADOS OBSERVADOS (15 minutos seq¸enciais, 5 blocos de 3 minutos)
COMENTARIOS SOBRE A ESCUTA
AlÈm disto, algumas informaÁıes b·sicas sobre o radioescuta: em que circunstancias ouviu a RTM, qual a sua profiss„o, h· quanto tempo faz escutas, etc.

PARA ONDE ENVIAR O INFORME DE RECEP«√O (escrever ìINFORME DE RECEP«√Oî ou ìRECEPTION REPORTî na parte frontal inferior do envelope):
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BRASIL

ou
Caixa Postal 18.113
04626-970 S„o Paulo SP
BRASIL

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A RTM transmite por 3 freq¸Íncias de ondas curtas: 5965, 9530 e 11735 kHz. TambÈm por uma rede nacional de r·dio durante parte do dia ou da noite. Mais informaÁıes em www.transmundial.com.br .

Att., (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, BRASIL,
http://dxways-br.blogspot.com DX Clube do Brasil,
http://www.ondascurtas.com April 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6059.9, Super R. Deus e Amor, usual moaning preacher in Portuguese 0912. Was // 9593.65 and 6120 but that is supposed to be R. Globo. Does Globo relay this religious program?? (2 April) [Yes -- gh]

5939.86, R. Voz Mission·ria, 0920 soft Portuguese vocal and guitar song. Rooster at 0921. 0922 several people in the studio with occasional laughing. 0929 more talking with mention of BrasÌlia. 0931 finally jingle then complete ID by M. Seemed to mention 2 frequencies. Fair strength but too much QRM from apparently R. Rossii on 5940. Didn't think to check for // 9665. (2 April) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 15190, UT Monday April 4 at 0054 sounds like a national anthem, deep fades but good at peaks. Ends at 0059 with Portuguese mention of http://www.inconfidencia.com.br and corresponding e-mail address; also 21 horas (tho it`s now 22 local in Beautiful Horizon). 0100 full ID with MW, SW and FM callsigns and frequencies of R. InconfidÍncia. Sufficient reception after WYFR Portuguese is thru blocking it all the way from 2200 to 0045.

I admit to not being familiar with the Braz NA, as it is seldom heard (seldom played?) by all the SW stations Brazil is still so fortunate to have. But as I recall, it does seem to be the one linked here in midi, with interesting background about it: http://www.wazamar.org/Nederlanders-in-Brazilie/a-volkslied-brazilie-tekst.htm So does ZYE522 make a habit of playing NA at this time? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15190.18, 5/4 2345, Radio InconfidÍncia & Family Radio (15190) again fighting on the same channel. Family Radio has real strange HF management. Anyway this night InconfidÍncia was dominating with talks and IDs. Fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Collins 51S-1 (Perseus as spectrum monitor), T2FD - QTH: Milano, Italia. SW blog: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/ dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I see you are raising questions about WYFR colliding with InconfidÍncia on 15190 at 2200-2445. Yes, WYFR should go somewhere else, as it is frequency-agile. But it`s nothing new. WYFR was using 15190 during the same time period last A-season, and I think a year or two before that. All this was during InconfidÍncia`s years of inactivity! So you could hardly expect other stations to avoid the frequency when there was no sign of ZYE522.

The problem is that since it did come back, WYFR`s frequency management has taken no notice of it. Brasil and ZY stations are partly to blame, since they refuse to participate in HFCC, so the dozens of Braz SW frequencies are not known to bureaucratic IBC

frequency managers, who could hardly be expected to turn on a radio or consult mere DX resources for what is *really* happening on the bands.

Thus all Brazilian SW channels are likely to be hit by major broadcasters, and many others are. It is icing on the cake that WYFR happens to be using that very frequency in Portuguese to Brazil. Does InconfidÍncia management know about it? Do they care? Could they do anything about it if they wanted to? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. Summer A-11 schedule of Democratic Voice of Burma in Burmese:
1430-1530 on 11515 ERV 100 kW / 100 deg to SEAs
2330-0030 on 9490 WER 100 kW / 075 deg to SEAs
Registered, but not yet active:
1300-1400 on 11560 A-A 200 kW / 133 deg to SEAs
1430-1530 on 7475 A-A 100 kW / 133 deg to SEAs
2330-0030 on 11595 ERV 100 kW / 100 deg to SEAs
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. 12140, April 2 at 1352, fair signal in Burmese giving boxes in Bangkok and Tokyo, so suspected a gospel huxter, but it`s really R. Free Asia, 250 kW, 272 degrees via TINIAN at 1330-1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. Re 11-13: KHMER POST RADIO --- A station of this name is listed on Ludo Maes' TDP website, broadcasting in Khmer daily at 1200-1300 UT on 9960 kHz [PALAU]. The Khmer Post is a California-based bilingual newspaper with a website at http://thekhmerpost.com featuring a live audio stream (which was silent went I checked at 1330 today) and audio newscasts available on demand (David Kernick, UK, April 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) As in BELGIUM [non]

** CANADA. 15330, April 2 at 2012, RCI remains here for its only vestigial English hour on AM from Sackville, // weaker 15235, 17735; and originally published 13650 has now been replaced by 15330, so not a mistake, but a last-minute A-11 change (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of Radio Canada International in English: 2000-2100 NF 15330 SAC 250 kW / 105 deg to CeAf, ex 13650 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** CANADA. BBC via CBC --- I am not sure this was highlighted before; CBC Radio One is now including BBC World Service programming if you're a night owl:

Tue-Sat 1 AM local: "The World" (technically a BBC-PRI-WGBH

production)
Mon 2-2:30 AM: "African Perspective"
Sun-Mon 2:30-3 AM : BBC Documentaries
Mon 3:30-4 AM: "Assignment"
Tues-Sat 4 AM: "Outlook" and "The Strand"
Mon-Fri 5 AM: "World Business News", "Witness"
Sun 5:30 AM: "Health Check"

All times are local; Newfoundland local times are, naturally, half an hour later than what's shown (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, April 2, ODXA yg via DXLD)

I.e., no more RCInternal relays on CBC overnight? Perhaps I heard one of the last `Linx` recently from CKZN (gh, DXLD)

Odd. Several years back, CBC dumped its selection of International broadcasters because they were "too European based". We still don't have the whole picture. I have heard RA's Asia Pacific at some point last week. I think it was after the 4 AM news. I have also heard Health Check [?] instead of the Beeb business program. Of course, there web page is still not up to date! (Andy Reid, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CHILE. UTILITARIA --- 8767, PLAYA ANCHA RADIO. ValparaÛso. 2302-2330 abril 2, Contactos con barcos pesqueors que reportan posiciÛn, rumbo, combustible. "...atenciÛn embarcaciones peruanas para ValparaÌso Playa Ancha Radio, mantengan por boletÌn meteorolÛgico..." (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Equipo Sony ICF 2010, Antena hilo de 12 metros, Realizadas en Fomeque, Cundinamarca, Colombia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. Qinghai PBS, 4220 verified a report direct to the station with a vague no-data English letter and card, station name and "Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!" handwritten on card in 53 days from Haiming Niu, Head of Qinghai Radio Station who said "Qinghai Radio Station has its long history and it has very diverse programs with Mandarin and local languages such as Tibetan language and Qinghai dialect based on Mandarin" (Rich D`Angelo, PA, DX News, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD) I have never managed to get a signal from this one (gh, OK)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait. I can confirm that ìFocus on Chinaî now has both a new schedule and new format. Heard now on Saturday (ex-Sunday), from 1505 to 1535 UT (ex: 1530-1600).

Saturday, April 2, at 1505 a new brief ìVoice of Strait, Focus on Chinaî ID; ìWelcome to our program Focus on China. I am your host ... In todayís program we will share with you some of the major events in reviewî; ìChinese President Hu Jintao has delivered a message of condolences to his Myanmar counterpart U Thein Sein over the losses of life and property inflicted by a strong earthquake. On behalf of

the Chinese government and people, Hu extended heartfelt condolences to U Thein Sein and via him to the victims of the disaster which struck the country last Thursdayî, etc.; no IDs during the show as there were in the past; 1534 VOS ID with email and postal address; final ID: "This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait News Radio"; then into Chinese programming. In a few more weeks I will have too much daylight to hear this. Will have to wait till next winter for good reception again. Audio clip at http://www.box.net/shared/q53r3ibvqm

I must confess I will miss the former recorded introduction: "This is the Voice of Strait, Fuzhou, China . . . Hello everyone. Welcome to our program Focus on China. This is Gary . . .î, as I enjoyed hearing it for many years, even long after ìGaryî had in fact left the show (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For what it's worth, the website for the Voice of Strait service is http://www.vos.com.cn/

There are four different broadcast services listed; none of them show 4940 kHz, however. The current website lists just the MW/FM frequencies; looking at the WRTH listing it would appear the 666 kHz MW service parallels 4940 kHz, and that's available for online streaming. The other three services are also available for online streaming.

I've set my timer for next Saturday for the 666 kHz audio stream & will report back next week with what I find (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Hi Richard, Please note:
http://www.vos.com.cn/introduction/gbpl.htm

Also I note a very old schedule (2007). Back then "Focus on China" was broadcast on Saturday.
http://www.vos.com.cn/2007/03/01_90452.htm

Please keep in mind that that both 4900 and 5050 have not been used by VOS since April, 2009, so I do not expect their imminent return. Clearly there are many portions of their website that have not been updated in a very long time. Hope this helps (Ron Howard, ibid.)

** CHINA. 6035, PBS Yunnan/Voice of Shangri-La, 1300, April 3. Usual ID in English; ìThis is the Voice of Shangri-La, brought to you by Yunnan Radio." Unfortunately the adjacent QRM is strongest just at the ToH; otherwise this was almost fair in Vietnamese; recently their reception has been well above the norm (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9550, April 2 at 1302 in Vietnamese, and still audible at 1404, i.e. CRI, 500 kW, 193 degrees from Beijing site. This starts at 1100, and I can hardly wait to exclaim ``Commies vs Commies`` again when RHC allegedly also starts using 9550 April 4 at 11-13 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENINGN DIGEST) And so it did: see CUBA

** CHINA [and non]. Domenica 27 marzo 2011 0952 - 14900 kHz, FIREDRAKE vs. SO HOPE TWN, Segnale sufficiente-buono, Crystal audio with G3's LSB! (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

Do you mean you were hearing both of them or just FD? (gh, DXLD)

Firedrake April 1:
8400, just barely audible at 1256
10300, fair at 1255, not // any of the following except 12180
12180, fair at 1243, mixing with something, proved not to be // any of the others heard in next few minutes, except 10300. Nothing at all in HFCC on 12180 to account for this, so guess Sound of Hope
12240, good at 1243
12980, good at 1243
13130, fair at 1246
13500, good at 1245
13920, good at 1244
13970, fair at 1327 // 13920 but 13500, 13130, 12240, 12180, 10300 are off; 13970 down to JBA at 1433
15900, good at 1321; was not there before 1300
16100, JBA at 1251; hi-freq and hi-lat paths are depressed today

I was listening to 12180 and 10300 at 1300 when they vanished, and 13500 was also gone a few sex later. Did not recheck all the others immediately.

Firedrake April 2:
10300 the only one audible, from *1310 overcoming Sound of Hope, see TAIWAN. MUFs and hi-latitude paths were depressed, WWV saying altho there were no geomag storms, K-index was 4 at 12 UT, 3 at 15.

Firedrake April 3: 8400, VG and no CCI at 1251. Not heard after 1300, nor anywhere else up to 18 MHz by 1310, during subnormal propagation conditions; per WWV, the mid-latitude K-index at 12 and 15 UT was 3.

Firedrake April 4:
8400, VG at 1230; VG also at 1323, and no SOH audible during pause
10300, Chinese talk, poor at 1228, with SAH, so evidently Sound of Hope is for the moment atop FD!! At 1255, FD atop but now very poor.

At 1323, fair FD and no SOH audible
10970, good at 1228, first one encountered this morning; poor at 1320
11500, VG at 1245, better than 10970; poor at 1320
13130, fair at 1250
13970, good at 1247. No others heard up to 18 MHz by 1253
15900, fair at 1315, not before 1300; now no others up to 18 MHz
At 1409, no FD audible anywhere above 8 MHz.

Firedrake April 5:
8400, very good at 1228
10300, good at 1248; gone at 1310 audiblizing SOH: see TAIWAN
10970, good at 1248
11500, poor at 1249
12240, very poor at 1251, not // the lower ones
13130, poor at 1253; almost // to 10970 but a few sex out of synch --- I think --- this FD music begins to sound all the same after years of 60-minute repetitions. No others found up to 17 MHz by 1300, but:

15430, FD poor with flutter at 1356-1400* when none of the previous frequencies are refound in quick chex. A few sex after this goes off, at *1400:15 to 1401:10* a stronger open carrier appears on 15430. The target at 1330-1400 was V. of Tibet, via Babcock, UAE.

15670, CNR1 jamming April 5 at 1308 // stronger 15115, the latter with victim also audible. 15670 is RFA Tibetan via Tajikistan; 15115 is VOA Mandarin via Thailand.

Firedrake April 6; VP/P/F/G/VG refer subjectively to strength:
10300, very poor with flutter at 1430; could not hear this or Sound of Hope during the previous hour
12240, poor with heavy flutter at 1328; very poor at 1427
13130, poor with heavy flutter at 1328
14700, good at 1330; also at 1425
14970, good at 1330; off at 1425 check unlike 14700
No others found up to 17 MHz by 1332
Really, there is flutter most of the time on these frequencies tho I don`t always mention it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non?]. The Extreme sailing series takes place in China April 13-17. Does anyone have information if the event will be broadcast via shortwave as it has been in the past. I am unable to find frequency listing for the event. Any ideas? Thanks (Bob Montgomery, April 3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Like the South China Sea yacht race from Hong Kong to Manila? Used to have weather `broadcasts` on 75m from ex-ZBM Hong Kong, but not last few years (gh, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 5909.95, Alcarav·n Radio, noted several mornings this past week. Fair signal 3/27 at 1110 with program of romantic HJ ballads. Quick ID spot when man spat out, simply, Alcaravan...Radio... !!!" over music (R Perry, Illinois, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A new (ish) station I believe: 5910 kHz, Alcaravan Radio, Puerto Lleras, Colombia, 1/4/11 0645 UT, OM Spanish IDs, then music http://www.box.net/shared/iiog88s5ja
(Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, dxldyg via DXLD)

HI, Mark, thanks. Does anyone know how this 5910 station is different from another station identification for this signal, "Marfil EstÈreo" (The 2011 WRTH label for it) or "La Voz de tu Consciencia" (another ID for Marfil EstÈreo)? Thanks, (Bruce Jensen, CA - USA, ibid.)

This has been explained previously in DXLD more than once, but since no one has replied here:

I am not sure why you are concerned about it being ``different``, but one organization, Colombia para Cristo, operates two SW transmitters at Puerto Lleras, on 5910 and 6010. The original was 6010 and has been called La Voz de tu Conciencia. They also have an AM station, Alcaravan Radio, 1530, and an FM, Marfil Estereo. When they added a second SW on 5910, for quite a while they put the FM programming on it and recently decided to put the AM 1530 programming on 5910 instead. That`s all. I can`t believe how much confusion this is causing, also elsewhere (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** COSTA RICA. 5954.25, R. Rep˙blica/ELCOR, 0919 end of apparent press report, LA Pops, then 0921 canned promo ID by W. Then canned ID by M with fanfare and sked 5 AM to 5 PM on 9995 [sic --- it`s 9965], 5 PM to 5 AM on 5955. Good signal but severe splop QRM from WYFR of course. (24 March) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD) And the jamming?? See also CUBA [and non]

** CROATIA. 7410 29/3 14.00 R. Fiume - Via HRT, Croazia. IT NX ottimo (Roberto Pavanello, Italy via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CUBA. MEDIUM WAVE REARRANGEMENT PLAN, 2009-1.

Dear friends, I have published in my blog an article about the Cuban MW scene after the 2009 Rearrangement Plan. It includes the list of transmitters operating on the island. There are versions in Spanish and English following the corresponding links. Enjoy!
http://moladx.blogspot.com/2011/04/cuba-plan-de-reordenamiento-de-onda.html
73s (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA—A - SPAIN, RX site: Aldea del Cano, C·ceres, April 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi friends, I have discovered some mistake (a Guam· on 1070 is really 1020, some word missing) and I have append the transmitter observed by DXers on 1230 to the frequency list. The corrected version is available for download:
http://moladx.blogspot.com/2011/04/cuba-plan-de-reordenamiento-de-onda.html
73s (Mauricio Molano, April 6, ibid.)

** CUBA [and non]. 1180 kHz, R. MartÌ and R. Rebelde were very faint. I was also hearing a little country music at about 0915 GMT very faintly. It seems that the Cubans have decided that jamming R. MartÌ was not worth it. I do not know who is playing country music on this frequency but if you turn the loop you could get it. Radio Rebelde used to drown out the local station WJNT at night. Because of Radio Rebelde, WJNT cuts power to 500 W at night and uses an FM repeater to cover the Jackson, MS DMA. Radio Rebelde is not a dominant signal any more (Richard Lewis, MS, 0947 UT March 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I doubt that Rebelde 1180 is the *cause* of WJNT cutting power at night! It also has a null toward WHAM Rochester, which is the station it is required to protect. Rebelde is owed no such protexion since the only reason it came on this frequency was to jam Radio MartÌ from Marathon FL. I would not leap to any conclusions yet that the jamming has been diminished voluntarily or permanently; any observations elsewhere? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1230, Radio Progreso, unknown site. 0956-1000 April 3, 2011. Traditional Cuban vocals, a fraction of a second behind 640. A brief fade up amongst the graveyard noise. Thanks RealDX reporters Andrew Brade and Paul Crankshaw, UK via the NRC's IDXD, Vol. 78, No. 24.

1320, 1031-1115 April 3, 2011. Definitely Cuban activity remains here, so I will not write off that Radio Artemisa has moved from 1320 to 1000 (vs. Relayed at times from Radio Cadena Habana, which I've heard in place of Artemisa's initial appearance on 1000). Not parallel Radio Musical Nacional (once here long ago, at least) or Radio Enciclopedia. Nothing else other than Artemisa listed, and 1000 was too overwhelmed at this time by XEOY Radio Mil to try for a parallel. Definitely not WLQY, Hollywood Spanish/ethnic. Tune-in to one of the million versions of "Chan Chan" as composed by Compay Segundo, a song that seems to be on every Cuban station at some point (and rightfully so). A fine version (actually the one often used on Cuban stations) is the opening track on the Buena Vista Social Club soundtrack. No ID pulled, but news by very Cuban-accented female, lots of references to various Provincias. Faded out by 1115 while WDDV, Venice, FL and WJNJ, Jacksonville FL dominated. There was yet another Cuban music audio briefly in the mix shortly after tune-in, but inconclusive.

1320 (new), Radio VeintisÈis, unknown location. 1029-1055 April 4, 2011. Mixing with Radio Artemisa (see separate log) with news items by man, some bumper sound effects. Female "Radio VeintisÈis... 6 y 45 (time check)..." at 1045. This is a previously unheard Radio 26, and the highest channel for Radio 26 that I'm aware of.

1320, Radio Artemisa, Artemisa. 1029-1055 April 4, 2011. This one is indeed still on 1320, confirming that the 1000 (sometimes) Artemisa is seemingly sporadically share-timed with the Radio Cadena Habana transmitter, as per my observations mostly daytime. Tune in to female news items with mentions of RevoluciÛn Cubana; Matanzas; informaciones nacionales, Paraguay, 4 de April, Venezuela. Finally, at 1048: "Transmite, transmite Radio Artemisa..." by female (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. A revised schedule from R. Habana Cuba is coming out, via JosÈ Bueno, effective April 4, showing new 17560 in use to Europe at 1930-2300 in French, Portuguese, Arabic and Spanish. Then Manolo de la Rosa sent a correxion via Bueno and Juan Franco Crespo, that at least for his show `En Contacto`, Sundays at 2245, frequency would be 17550 instead of 17560. If RHC winds up on 17550 for the entire service, we look forward to the collision with Kuwait after 2000, q.v.!

This revived European service does not include English: the 19-20 broadcast on 11760 remains targeted at Central America (where there is only one small English-speaking country, Belize).

Other new frequencies in the April 4+ RHC schedule, all for Spanish:
 9550 11-13 to Chicago
 9620 23-04 to Rio de Janeiro
 9710 21-23 to Antilles
11830 11-15 to New York
12020 21-05 to Chile
13670 21-04 to Caribbean

Way to go, Arnie!
 9550 will collide with WYFR until 1145
 9620 collides with Spain to SAm at 23-05
Spain DRM also remains on 9630 at 00-02 via CR spreading beyond 5 kHz
11830 collides with WYFR after 1300, 315 degrees to NAm. It`s been there for many years; hasn`t Arnie noticed?? HFCC A-11 has now been published for all to see, even he who refuses to participate.

Meanwhile, he keeps RHC on 12040 at 11-15, which as I have been

pointing out, collides with ChiCom jamming and VOA. Also no changes in English from the March 20 schedule, i.e. still blasting HCJB 6050 at 01-07.

11775, lite jamming pulses under ANGUILLA, April 1 at 1253; 11775 *needs* to be jammed only in the evening, when R. MartÌ has resumed using it for A-11 at 00-03, which BTW is Greenville 00-01, Sackville 01-03 per HFCC.

7405, April 1 at 1359, R. MartÌ promo with no jamming audible, nor when it cuts to open carrier at 1400. See also USA: WRMI

7405, April 2 at 0611, R. MartÌ with no jamming audible, unlike 6030 at 0615.

5040, RHC Spanish April 2 still on at 0616 about, what else, Los 5, well past nominal 0500*; they sometimes leave 5040 on while the 6 MHz frequencies quit at scheduled time.

15120, RHC JBA April 2 at 1317, and mixing with something else weak, barely better on clear 15230. 19m was just about dead, with K=4 at 1200, the only decent signal being CRI/Sackville 15260; likewise 16m except for CVC Chile 17680.

As for the anticipated revived European service of RHC from April 4 at 1930-2300: Manolo de la Rosa has made yet another correxion, via Juan Franco Crespo: now saying it will be on 17650! Instead of 17560, instead of 17550. See also CHINA

11760, RHC `En Contacto`, Sunday April 3 at 1338, Manolo de la Rosa says that the new frequency for Europe circa 2240 Sundays is 17650, but he doesn`t make clear that is not supposed to go into effect until April 4 so today should still be on 11770, et al.

13750, open carrier April 3 at 1404, and 13680 is off as is standard RHC practice on Sundays, whether or not there is going to be any `AlÛ, Presidente` a few hours later from Venezuela.

At 1607, 13750 and the four other A,P frequencies are off the air: 17750, 15370, 13680, 11690. Checking http://www.alopresidente.gob.ve/ it says that El Hugazo has ``ceded his space`` to a report on somebody`s South American tour.

11830, RHC on new frequency as expected, April 4 at 1243 with `Gaceta Cultural`, VG and hard to tell if WYFR carrier is on yet, probably not. // 11760 and an echo apart, 11690, not 11730 which does not oncome until 1300. 12040 is still on, mixing with ChiCom jamming and VOA. WYFR 11830 OC does come on at *1254, IS and sign-on at 1259 also

mentioning 11865 and 11910 but only the latter is // programming.

Commies vs Christian Camping cultists! WYFR has been using 11830 forever, but blissfully ignorant RHC frequency manager Arnie Coro picks it anyway. Axually, this is a good idea: all RHC frequencies should be arranged to collide with WYFR, since no one wants to hear the nonsense both of them spew! A tremendous conservation of frequencies. WYFR is 315 degrees, due NW from Okeechobee, i.e. blasting across central USA on its way to Vancouver. In next hour past 1400, the two took turns dominating 11830 as the other would slightly fade, but always with an unacceptable mixture.

The RHC online transmission schedule at
http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm
has now been updated to show 11830 as to ``New York`` at 11-15, and the new European frequency as *17560* from 1930 in French, not 17650 nor 17550, both reported previously and corrected(?).

We can hardly wait until 1930 to confirm which is really in use. If it is 17560, that will be colliding with VOA, also in French, due east from BONAIRE until 2030 daily.

Other new RHC frequencies of note:
9710 at 21-23, 13670 at 21-04, both for Caribbean.
12020 at 21-05 to Chile will collide, Commies vs Commies, with Vietnam
12020v at 22-24 including English at 2330. Contrary to
http://programasdx.com/rhca11.pdf
9620 is not on RHC`s own schedule at 23-04 to SAm, but still on 9770. 9620 would have been a huge collision with Spain.

Further monitoring of RHC`s new schedule effective April 4:

17560 *is* the frequency in use to Europe, not 17550, and not 17650. However, they *should* be on 17650 during the first hour at least, since 17560, as I predicted, collides with VOA French to Africa, good signal here. So both are in French at 1930-2000! Then RHC Arabic at 2000.

April 4 at 1927 tune-in, open carrier on 17560 over VOA French, and also ACI from WYFR 17555 in French! At *1929:45 an additional carrier makes a SAH on 17560, as VOA is transitioning from S„o TomÈ to Bonaire site, the Yankee Doodle Dandy sign-off from Pinheira colliding with VOA programming now continuing via Bonaire!

Obviously (?) quite aside from the new RHC problem, VOA should DCI (drop carrier immediately) from ST since the same programming continues from another site (and it`s absurd and unnecessary to change sites in the middle of a program, just to show they can do it, but

stepping all over themselves as happens in many other cases due to lack of internal coˆrdination).

Meanwhile, still unmodulated carrier from Cuba, until finally at 1932.3, RHC French modulation is JIP with Journal ParlÈ, and now it`s the signal atop VOA. (How quaint that term, ``spoken newspaper`` for radio newscast. Turnabout, a newspaper might then be called a ``printed broadcast``. This is common in French, not RHC peculiar.)

By 1940 the two are about equal level here, awful collision. VOA is due east from Bonaire for Africa, while RHC is presumably NEward for Europe, but bound to be colliding thruout Eurafrica too. The collision ends circa 2030 when VOA is finished with 17560.

Next check at 2245, RHC is loud and clear on 17560, as it should also be Sundays for `En Contacto`, if the earlier collision has not been corrected, and it is not likely to be as Arnie Coro does not like to admit he has made a mistake, witness the HCJB 6050 collision which he has prolonged.

Once again Coro proves his incompetence as frequency manager, since VOA French at 1930 has been there since A-11 began, no secret if he had turned on a radio in the past week, or consulted HFCC public listings, even tho he refuses to participate for fear of having to negotiate with Americans (that doesn`t stop the ChiCom).

9620: in previous report I mentioned that the RHC schedule shows them staying on 9770 at 23-04 to ``Rio de Janeiro`` (not including any Portuguese, however). Ha ha! RHC *is* on 9620, not checked until 0332 UT April 5, when it`s atop REE direct. Spain has been on this frequency for decades. Poor REE listeners in SAm must be pulling their hair out, as Cuba`s status even among comsymps is self-destructing.

The problem is: we have two different contradictory skeds from RHC, one on the website, and another sent out to DX editors, so all we can do is *monitor* to find out what they are *really* doing.

13670, NF for RHC also confirmed at 0332 April, poor signal // 6060 and 9620, not 9770. 13670 scheduled 21-04.

12020, another NF for RHC, confirmed at 0437 // 12040 and 11760. 12020 is scheduled 21-05.

9550, NF, or rather reactivated as used in past years, April 5 at 1229 with Amalia reporting on jaguares, atop CRI in Vietnamese, Commies vs Commies! 9550 now scheduled 11-13 to ``Chicago``.

13680, April 5 at 1255 not yet on, but 13780 has open carrier, 1256

cutting on modulation; no finesse or formal sign-ons here!

12000, lite pulse jamming against nothing, April 5 at 0533. That`s because VOA Spanish is now using it at totally different hours, 23-24, plus Tue-Sat 00-01, when no doubt there is a wall of noise. 12000 was once an RHC frequency too.

Checking some more new frequencies as listed for RHC, since the only way to be sure they exist is to monitor them: 9710 and 13670 both fair at 2245 April 5, // 12040.

Some frequencies continue to overrun past nominal 0500* of Spanish service: April 6 at 0519, 12040 is still on with usual lo-fi audio, // but a syllable ahead of 5040. At 0527, lo-fi 6120 is also still on, but only a reverb apart from 5040. At 0535 check, 6120 is off but 5040 and much weaker 12040 are still on.

11830, April 6 at 1428 continues the *1300 collision between WYFR and RHC, as I said, both spewing nonsense, so not a loss that they cancel each other out (axually RHC atop at the moment) --- anti-science `Creation Moment` on WYFR, hoary old Fidel speech on `Voces de la RevoluciÛn,` your weekdaily dose of Commie propaganda from the master, ending at 1429 with, natch, ``Patria o Muerte, °Venceremos!`` which I parody as potential gusanos considering launching rickety boats might exclaim under their breath, ``Patria o Suerte, °Pensaremos!`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Hi Glenn, checked the RHC outlets at 1100-1210 UT today April 5th
 5 + 6 MHz in Florida and Vancouver Isl.
 9 - 15 MHz in Germany and Holland. [starting with RHC listed targets]

No,Ce,SoAM 9+30dB 6150 kHz / 49 m 1100-1300 UTC
No,Ce,SoAM S=7-8 11760 kHz / 25 m 1100-1500 y 0000-0500/2100-0400 UTC

New York 9+30dB 6000 kHz / 49 m 1100-1300 UTC
nil in Vancouver due of DRM n o i s e Brandon next door 5995 kHz.
New York S8 11830 kHz / 25 m 1100-1500 UTC
Chicago S4-5, S=6 in FL 9550 kHz / 31 m 1100-1300 UTC
CeAM S=4 weak 12040 kHz / 25 m 1100-1500 y 2100-0500 UTC
Antilles S=8 11690 kHz / 25 m 1100-1500 UTC
Rio de Janeiro S=6 15360 kHz / 19 m 1100-1500 UTC
Buenos Aires S=7 15120 kHz / 19 m 1100-1400 UTC
Buenos Aires S=4 15230 kHz / 19 m 1100-1500 y 2300-04/0500 UT
and 5025 S=9+30dB. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 5955, CUBA jammers vs. COSTA RICA, ELCOR Radio Rep˙blica relay, Gu·piles (or should it be the reverse?). *2156+ March

27, 2011. It's been ages since I bothered to sit on 5954v for ELCOR vs. Cuba jammers on the sign-on for this channel. So, today I gave it a listen, DST between the US and Cuba confusion notwithstanding. The first jammer was up at 2156, followed by a second and possibly a third seconds later at 2157. Threshold pieces of Spanish voice and music from 2100, but the jammers were too strong to confirm the audio source or even a frequency reading.

Our Lil' Ellie is having a tough time of it these days, it would seem, despite her steadfast chugging along in a world of Arnie's Noise Team. By the way, whatever happened to our Costa Rica radio monitor? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also COSTA RICA; UNIDENTIFIED

** CYPRUS. The UNCLEANEST shortwave band area is the 25 mb tonight. Between 19 and 20 UT March 31, I noted: 11412-11437, typical British Radar station signal from Limassol transmitter / Famagusta receiver at 1925 UT. vy73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also RUSSIA; SAUDI ARABIA

** CYPRUS [non]. Dardasha 7, Cyprus program in Arabic. 13640 bad frequency selection [by AIR Delhi India, see under INDIA] at 1900-1930 UT, March 29. Only two remote Perseus SDR-rx in Tampere Finland and Kalix-Lulea in Sweden, showed Dardasha 7 program. Dardasha 7 in central and southern Europe was not possible, due of heavy strong signal from AIR Bangalore-India.

B u t RX at Moscow, England, Holland and Greece showed AIR 13640 kHz, also in Arabic language. Need check at 0300 and 0500 UT in the morning. In A-10 MBR file Dardasha 7 appeared under BVB.

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 7310 0300-0330 39S  WER 125 120 D MBR
11810 0500-0530 46SE NAU 125 185 D MBR
13600 1700-1730 39S  NAU 125 130 D MBR
13640 1900-1930 46SE WER 125 180 D MBR
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Delete :

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11635 1700-1730 39S  WER 125 120 D MBR
11750 1900-1930 46SE WER 125 180 D MBR
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(Wolfgang B¸schel, March 29, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via DXLD

** DODECANESE ISLANDS [and non]. MV Courier --- A fascinating article published by the United States Coast Guard. The MV Courier preceded the offshore radio boom of the sixties (Mike Terry, April 4, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

Abstract

Originally launched in 1945 as the M/V Coastal Messenger, the United States Coast Guard Cutter Courier was a joint operation between the United States State Department and the United States Coast Guard. For twelve years during the 1950's and 1960's, she served as a portion of the Voice of America radio network during the Cold War, at a time when the Soviet Union had attempted to jam portions of the network. Courier contained the most powerful communications radio transmitter ever installed onboard a ship, an RCA 150-kilowatt mediumwave transmitter, as well as two 35-kilowatt shortwave transmitters. She also held the record for longest deployment overseas - from 17 July 1952 to 13 August 1964, she spent no time in United States territorial waters.

Recommissioned 30 April 1966, The USCGC COURIER was the first Reserve Training vessel designed to provide a mobile support base for Port Security personnel performing two weeks of active duty in ports from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great lakes. She was decommissioned in 1972.

Ship's History

The Courier was a Maritime Administration C1-M-AV1 type cargo vessel originally launched as the M/V Coastal Messenger in 1945. Apparently she was to be originally named Doddridge but that was changed prior to her acceptance by the Maritime Administration. She was originally designed as an inter-island shuttle for military and naval cargoes. She was designed to receive cargo from much larger Victory and Liberty ships and then deliver it to U.S. forces on small outlying islands but was actually never used for that purpose due to the end of World War II.

In the late-1940s she was operated by both the Standard Fruit Steamship Company and Grace Line, Inc., primarily along the coasts to northern South America. On a trip to South America she ran aground at La Salina on Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela but was freed after 11 days with extensive, though minor, damage. She was then apparently mothballed with the reserve fleet.

The Coastal Messenger was transferred to the control of the Department of State in 1952. She was acquired to become a mobile transmitting facility for the U.S. Information Agency's "Voice of America" program in response to an initiative, code-named "Operation Vagabond," that was approved by President Harry Truman and the Joint Chiefs of Staff and announced by the Department of State in April, 1951. The operation was designed to provide a ship-borne radio relay station to transmit Voice of America programs behind the "Iron Curtain." Such a vessel could move to any areas of trouble quickly, could serve as a temporary

relay station as needed, and permit the use of a station where it was impractical to build a shore station. To ease political sensitivities, it was decided that the Coast Guard should operate the vessels, which in the planning stages were to have been a total of six vessels. Excessive costs kept the operation to a single vessel.

The head of the U.S. International Information Administration, Dr. Wilson Compton, noted at her commissioning that Courier was "designed to provide another electronic weapon for combatting [sic] Soviet jamming and to enable the Voice of America to cover areas beyond the reach of present broadcasts."

She was stationed in the waters of the eastern Mediterranean off the island of Rhodes, Greece, operating while anchored at undisclosed locations in those waters. While acting as a relay station, she also had a small studio and control center if program announcements or originations were needed. The Courier was "on the air" for 11 1/4 hours per day, seven days a week, and her broadcasts were made in 13 different languages.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Coast Guard and the Department of State, this vessel was transferred from the State Department to the Coast Guard and commissioned as the cutter Courier on 15 February 1952, while she was at the Bethlehem Steel Company's Hoboken, New Jersey Shipyard. The Courier's call sign was Vagabond-A. The memorandum spelled out the command relationships as well as costs for her operation. The State Department covered all costs and the commanding officer held "disciplinary control" over everyone on board, including the USIA employees although the commanding officer was cautioned to exercise that control "with discretion" and to notify the Secretary of State himself if any disciplinary action was taken against any USIA employees. The USIA employees were responsible for all of the receiving and transmitting equipment "except the normal ship's radio facilities." The Coast Guard agreed to supply personnel to assist them in operating the added radio equipment as Courier's primary mission was to get "the message through."

As for the vessel's operation, the memorandum noted that: "That sole responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the vessel, less the electronic equipment but including all diesel electric facilities, rests with the Coast Guard." The memorandum continued:

"(b) That the Commanding Officer will receive orders and instructions concerning his mission and the movement of the vessel from the Commandant of the Coast Guard only.

(c) That such orders will be issued only after mutual agreement between the Department of State and the Commandant of the Coast Guard,

and that such orders may be transmitted either by Coast Guard or Department of State communication channels over the signature of the Commandant of the Coast Guard."

The agreement was careful to note who had ultimate responsibility for the cutter in case of an emergency as well:

"That internal security and policing will be the sole responsibility of the Coast Guard officer commanding the vessel. As of the date of this memorandum of understanding, heavy armament would serve no useful purpose and will not be initially provided. Small arms and light machine guns will be provided by the Coast Guard for internal and external security. Demolition of electronic equipment, destruction, and/or abandonment of the vessel will be the responsibility of the Commanding Officer who will act under instructions from the Commandant of the Coast Guard when time is available and will act under his command responsibility and prerogatives when time does not permit consultation with higher authority."

She was the only "mobile" transmitter in the Voice of America's world-wide network that consisted of 78 transmitters located at 10 overseas relay bases. She carried the most powerful transmitting instruments of its kind ever installed on board a ship. Stateside broadcasts were picked up by banks of Collins Radio Company 51J-type receivers. Filling most of one cargo hold, the cutter's transmitting equipment consisted of a single RCA 150 kilowatt medium-wave transmitter and two Collins Radio Company 207B-1-type 35 kilowatt short-wave transmitters. A Collins 231D-20 three kilowatt transmitter was used for ship to shore communications.

Another cargo hold contained diesel engines capable of generating 1,500,000 watts of electrical power for the radio equipment. To hold up her main antenna, the cutter used a 150,000 cubic foot (69 x 35 feet) helium balloon that was secured to the flight deck by a winch. The balloon floated at an altitude of 900 feet above Courier. She carried a total of five such balloons, each of which cost $18,000.

She was originally designed to carry 20 employees of the USIA in large staterooms but her first Coast Guard commanding officer, CAPT O. C. V. Wev, cut the number down to three in a cost-cutting move that reportedly saved $1,200,000. After undergoing a six-week shakedown and training cruise where she made ports of call at Washington, DC (28 February-7 March 1952), La Guaira, Venezuela (27-29 March), Cartagena, Colombia (1-4 April), ChristÛbal, Panama (5-6 April), and Veracruz, MÈxico (5-10 May 1952). While in Washington, D.C., President Truman inspected and dedicated the newly commissioned cutter and made a world-wide broadcast from her deck. The Courier arrived back at New York on 18 June 1952. She set sail from New York for Rhodes on 17 July

1952. While en route, she made ports of call at Tangiers, Morocco (2-4 August 1952), Naples, Italy (9-14 August) and Piraeus, Greece (18-21 August). She arrived on station on 22 August 1952 and began broadcasting on 7 September 1952.

After a few of the balloons' cables snapped in heavy winds, releasing them to fly over Turkey and land ashore where they damaged some private property, engineers strung an antenna between the forward and main masts. The experiment proved to be successful and the balloons were retired from use.

The Courier was ordered home in July of 1964 and she returned to the U.S. on 13 August 1964 after a record 12 years on station overseas. During that time she was "the only U.S. vessel in commission [at that time] that has been on duty outside the continental limits of the country for twelve consecutive years." She was then turned over to the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center at Yorktown, Virginia, and placed in "out of commission, in Reserve" status where she provided dockside training in merchant marine safety and dangerous cargo handling.

She was recommissioned into the Coast Guard at Yorktown on 30 April 1966. Here her mission was to serve as a mobile operational training platform with qualified personnel attached and to aid by giving guidance during operational Port Security training at various sites during two week active duty for training periods. The Courier's area of operation covered the East Coast, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes; her homeport was the Reserve Training Center in Yorktown. She carried accommodations for 220 trainees, patrol boats, and communication equipment. Her small boats were used to train reservists in harbor patrols while her cargo handling equipment was employed to train reservists in handling dangerous cargoes...

More at
http://www.uscg.mil/tcyorktown/info/History/Cutters/courier.asp
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Located at Rhodes Island:

GRC Former VOA Rhodes-A in 1952-1964 year, seaborne relay base MV Courier ship MW 1259-150kW + SW 2x35 Collins 7-9-1952 / 13-8-1964 at 36 25'02.14"N 28 13'53.58"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=36%C2%B025%2702.14%22N+
+28%C2%B013%2753.58%22E&aq=&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.286835,56.293945&ie=UT
F8&ll=36.415642,28.23218&spn=0.006026,0.013744&t=f&z=17&ecpose=36.40782971,28.2321
7922,871.62,0.002,44.992,0

Nearby some 500 meters away

GRC Former VOA Rhodes-A 1259 kHz 150 kW in 1965-1985 year, now from 1987 ERA 1494 kHz, 36 24'49.26"N 28 13'42.38"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=36%C2%B024%2749.26%22N+
+28%C2%B013%2742.38%22E&aq=&sll=36.414465,28.229214&sspn=0.003013,0.006872&ie=UTF8
&ll=36.414885,28.231097&spn=0.006026,0.013744&t=h&z=17
vy73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Coincidentally I came across a couple of videos featuring the MV Courier whilst surfing last night:

Coast guard cutter Courier operates as a sea radio station in United States. 1954. 2 mins 18 seconds, includes a shot of the helium balloon antenna:
http://www.criticalpast.com/video/65675024529_Voice-of-America_Jan-Hajdukiewicz_helium-filled-balloon_Operation-Vagabond

Voice of America broadcast the programs on radio in many languages to all over world to cover people beyond reach. 1 minute 47 seconds report from 1956, includes further Courier shots:
http://www.criticalpast.com/video/65675024539_Voice-of-America_Coast-Guard-courier_broadcast-programs_radio-networks-on-map
(Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

Interesting, indeed! The Courier broadcast from Rhodes until the shorebased VOA stations were completed. En route to Rhodes, though, the Courier tested while at the Canal Zone, thus offering the only known opportunity to hear that "radio country." --don (Don Jensen, WI, NASWA yg via DXLD) A.k.a. to gh as ``TWELVISH ISLANDS`` (gh, DXLD)

Ding Ding That rings a bell within the RNI story in the seventies. At one point, it "emerged" in the British press, that the USSR were building a fleet of "six ships similar to RNI". I no longer wonder the source of that information!!! (Keith, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

[and non] I forwarded the article to John Burch and he has pointed out "...did you also note another vessel on the same site? The Tanager. Have a look at that ship too. She was a sister ship to the Galaxy and survived until quite recently. She appears to have been scrapped only a couple of years ago...". The Galaxy was, of course, the ship of Radio London from 1964 to 1967. Interesting stuff I hope! (Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC [and non]. 6025.12, R Amanecer, Sto Domingo, 2306-2340, April 4, Spanish preaching faded up, typically off frequency, het against tentative R Patria Nueva 6024.97 [BOLIVIA] if this isn't just a spur? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg

via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. EGYPT'S PM SACKS HEADS OF STATE TELEVISION AND RADIO
http://www.almasryalyoum.com/en/node/383802
(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, April 4, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

Prime Minister Essam Sharaf on Saturday decided to sack state television and radio officials who were accused of conducting smear campaigns against protesters and inciting murder during Egypt's 25 January revolution that ended with the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak on 11 February.

Sharaf appointed Ibrahim Kamal al-Saeed as head of Egyptian TVís newsroom in place of Abdel Latif al-Manawy, who was criticized sharply by the public for broadcasting programs and interviews that accused anti-Mubarak protesters of receiving funds from abroad and having relations with foreign intelligence agencies. In his programs, Al-Manawy neglected to report incidents of thugs assaulting anti-Mubarak protesters.

Sharaf also appointed Nihal Kamal as head of State TV and Ismail al-Shishtawy al-Iraqi as head of State Radio. Some media figures criticized Sharaf's decisions and said that they do not represent real reform.

Since al-Manawy, Kamal, and al-Iraqi have served the former regime, some criticized the decisions for failing to bring new faces to state media. Also, some complain that they were not appointed for their abilities, but rather because the dissolved State Security Investigative Services had approved their appointments. Salah Saber, a producer at State TV, observes that similar criticisms were directed at the government following appointments of new state newspaper heads, who are accused of having had ties with the former regime. (via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

No doubt the new head of radio`s first priority will be to fix the modulation on R. Cairo SW!! (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD) Yeah, sure

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, R. Africa, 1445, March 30. Tony Alamo preaching; gave address (Texarkana, Texas) and phone numbers; surprised to finally catch a ìRadio Africaî ID with email and postal address at 1458; has been some years since I last heard an actual ID (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15190, April 1 at 0555, R. Africa the SSOB at S9+12 with gospel huxter in English; less fading but more modulation that Australia 15160; NIGERIA also audible on 15120, q.v.

15190, zero signal from R. Africa, April 2 at 0602, vs SSOB 24 hours earlier, so hard to believe it is even on the air this Saturday; while Nigeria 15120 was audible both dates. AUSTRALIA was VG on 15160, also 15240, 15415 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 4770.02, 0335-0345 29.03, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara Vernacular talk, nice songs from the Horn of Africa, 23222 with possible jamming; heard // 7175 (45434) (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a longwire antenna in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. France Bleu, Paris, on 864 kHz which has had distorted audio for the past few weeks, noted with much improved audio from 20 March. Still in AM stereo (David Duckworth, Charlton-All-Saints, Wilts, England, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** FRANCE. The blog is at http://rfiriposte.wordpress.com
Last entry March 29 says that staff are still covered by the strike notice (Mike Barraclough, DX News, Apr World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** FRANCE. RFI STARTS NEW FORMAT MONDAY --- Starting Monday 4 April RFI's broadcasts in English will be for four continuous hours, starting at 4 am GMT. There will be no broadcasts after 9 am UT. Look out for our increased coverage of French news and continuing international coverage, along with new short features, sport and reviews of the African press and French weeklies at the weekend (From RFI English Web page via Mike Cooper, April 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

>>> There will be no broadcasts after 9 am UT.
Wonder what they mean by that when their block "only" is 4 hours - not 5! 73, (Erik Koie, Denmark, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RFI English has updated its Web page at:
http://www.english.rfi.fr/node/15357

It now reflects the new English schedule (0400-0800 UT), and lists these frequencies for shortwave:
0400-0430 7315
0500-0530 1195 (sic)
0600-0630 9765 13680
0700-0730 15605

This suggests there will be four hours of English programming every morning. There is a similar announcement on RFI English pages, saying: "Starting Monday 4 April RFI's broadcasts in English will be for four continuous hours, starting at 4 am GMT. There will be no broadcasts

after 9 am UT." I think they mean after 8 am UT, but one can never be sure (Mike Cooper, GA, Apr 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This message is on the RFI English service webpage;

Starting Monday 4 April RFI's broadcasts in English will be for four continuous hours, starting at 4am GMT. There will be no broadcasts after 9am UT (sic). Look out for our increased coverage of French news and continuing international coverage, along with new short features, sport and reviews of the African press and French weeklies at the weekend.

Checking the HFCC A-11 data these frequencies are registered for English in the 0400-0800 period, none for 0800-0900

0400-0500 9805 11995
0500-0600 11995 (from 4/9) 13680 15160
0600-0700 11615 15160 17605 17800
0700-0800 15605 15615 17605 (Mike Barraclough, Angleterre, Apr 1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As of today, RFI will air four continuous hours/day in English, from 0400 to 0800 UT.
Check out http://www.english.rfi.fr/node/15357 for details.

In addition to SW and live streaming, the various segments can be individually played via a link referenced at the URL above. We can expect to hear increased coverage of French news, so says RFI.

There is at least one typo in the shortwave frequencies listed on their website so I won't propagate the error here. RFI also has a smartphone application for on-demand streaming of news and feature (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, April 4, swprograms via DXLD)

And the SW sked on this page still shows four half-hour segments at 04, 05, 06 and 07!! Do they mean maybe that it`s continuous only on webcast, FM?? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

Has anybody heard France's new 4 hour program 4-8 on short wave? Which frequencies are used?? Their 4 hour block can be heard on http://www.english.rfi.fr/broadcasts - but no SW fq's mentioned! 73, (Erik K¯ie, Copenhagen, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISGTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 17690, RFI via GUIANA FRENCH, good April 2 at 1359 with musical prÈlude, 1400 timesignal, opening Spanish with 4 pm timecheck, ``repaso de la actualidad en 3 minutos``, 1403 a show about human rights, so no huelga hoy (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. 9580, Africa Number One (Moyabi), 2256-2300*, 4/5/2011, French. Local pop music. ID and closing announcements by woman over xylophone music at 2258. Pips on the hour ended the broadcast (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, Tecsun PL-660, whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. 11865, DW is still here with two hours of English for Africa, from 2000 at 140 degrees via PORTUGAL, 2100 at 295 degrees via RWANDA, and fairly audible in deep NAm too: April 2 at 2040 report on the late zoopolarbear Knut; 2126 with German lesson, 2130 into political/news discussion, and during this hour better on // 15540, also 295 from Rwanda, and audible on 15275, 120 from Portugal.

15275, Rwanda was back with DW English, April 3 at 0608 repeating the previous report on Knut, but VG signal drops off the air every few seconds. Now nothing from 15190 Eq Guinea or 15120 Nigeria. Knut: http://www.spiegel.de/international/zeitgeist/0,1518,752006,00.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. 17650, April 4 at 1338 good signal talking about Afghanistan, 1359 DW jingle and ID, mentions Dari. Schedule is:

1330-1400 Dari, 1400-1430 Pushto, both 500 kW via Rampisham UK, but making a 3-degree antenna shift between them from 92 to 95, i.e. from northern to southern Afghanistan; does that really make a difference? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. DRM from DW: see U K [and non]

** GREECE. Re: HFCC A-11 FREQUENCY REGISTRATIONS FOR GREECE

Looks as if they planned and registered frequencies for all the facilities that once were available to them [including Greenville, Delano!]. The "THE" entries are worth nothing as well, the old 35 kW VOA transmitters there have been shut down about a decade ago and the installation of ex-Gloria transmitters, donated to them as part of the deal for the Kavala facility, never materialized. And "AVL" includes typical Kavala frequencies for ERA as well.

All that ERA still has now is the Avlis site, with the two original Marconi transmitters and one of the donated ex-Gloria rigs, run at reduced power on 9420 kHz only as dictated by the capabilities of the antenna facility. I think it can be ruled out now that any further ex-Gloria equipment will ever be installed, too, if it still exists at all and has not been thrown away since to clear the storage space.

The actual transmission schedule remains to be determined, considering that 17705 kHz has already been used. It appears that, besides 9420,

two each of the AVL registrations are choosen for actual transmission, but which ones? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERA5 - Filia BBCWS relay on 11645 kHz channel, heard a short announcement in Greek language in foreground, from Filia studio "Eso Athinia" [sic] at 0549:10 UT.

But subsequent BBCWS program relay continued til disconnection and close-down at 0552:33 UT.

ERA5 on 17705 kHz, carrier came on air at 0557:04 UT. -79dBm level, S=8-9. R Filia BBCWS relay noted on 17705 again from 0558:50 til 0559:15 UT.

Then Greek announcer like "FM...", 0559:30 UT full announcement of Radio Filia in French[!], but no Filia French relay at 06-07 UT anymore on shortwave via Avlis in A-11.

Time signal pips at 0600 UT even, two seconds too late ! due of distribution path from Athens to Avlis and via Perseus software net and local PC soundcard.

Then at 06-08 UT ERA5 Greek service observed on all three channels 9420, 15630, and 17705 kHz in parallel. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good afternoon, Wolfgang: Thank you for your reception reports and comments on the Voice of Greece's new A-11 schedule. Regarding the use of the new 17705 kHz at an azimuth of 182 degrees from 0600 to 0800 UT with service in Greek in parallel with 9420 and 15630, I think that this is being done for a reason by ERA 5.

The Voice of Greece is directed to millions of Greeks abroad who are spread over the five continents of the world. With the recent unrest and uprisings in Egypt and Libya, ERA 5 has evidently been directed by the Greek Government to use the prime hours of 0600-0800 to better inform the Greeks working and living in those countries. Therefore VOG is using the 002 degree antenna on 11645 in the antipodal mode at an azimuth of 182 degrees from 0600 to 0800 UT for better reception to that area. As for the new frequency of 17705 kHz at that time, this is what the HFCC registrations show for the previous and present Broadcasting Seasons:

HFCC A-10
17705 0600 0800 34,45,54-56,58-60 DL 250 296 0 236 1234567 280310 311010 D GR GRC ERA ERA 6780

HFCC A-11
17705 0600 0800 46-48,52,57 AVL 250 182 0 236 1234567 270311
301011 D GR GRC ERA ERA 16415

Suddenly, 17705 has moved from Delano to Avlis, still at 250 kW instead of the actual 100 kW! The last time that 17705 was used by the Delano relay station for VOG was in A-06, just before Kavala shut down. So much for 17705 (Glenn calls it a wooden frequency), dormant but not dead! (Regards, John Babbis, April 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But today 17705 kHz was reported transmitting in RUSSIAN at 0730! Has the foreign language schedule changed again? I suppose the only way to find out is to monitor the whole segment between 0500-0900 again ... (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also DODECANESE ISLANDS

STRIKE OF SMEs APRIL 7 TO 11, 2011 --- The programs of ERA5 (Voice of Greece) will be amended from dawn, Thursday, April 7 from 06.00 Greece Time (0300 UT) until Monday, April 11 because of two consecutive strikes that have been launched against the Media of the country. The Voice of Greece will connect for these four days with the ERA Network. Add to this a Greek media black-out from Thursday April 7 for four days (via John Babbis, MD, April 6, DXLD)

World --- THE LATEST STRIKE IN GREECE INCLUDESÖREPORTERS?
The Blaze * Posted on April 7, 2011 at 1:35 pm by Jonathon M. Seidl

ATHENS, Greece (AP) ó Greek journalists have walked off the job at the start of a four-day strike to protest job cuts and austerity measures.

The strike began at 6 a.m. (0300 GMT) Thursday and will continue until early Monday. No television or radio news bulletins will be broadcast, news websites will not be updated and no newspapers or magazines will be published until Tuesday.

Greece avoided bankruptcy last year due to a three-year, euro 110 billion bailout loan from euro zone countries and the International Monetary Fund. In exchange, the Socialist government cut pensions and salaries while increasing taxes and retirement ages, amid a recession and growing unemployment.

The measures have been met with frequent demonstrations and strikes by all sectors, from lawyers and doctors to bakers and port workers (from http://www.theblaze.com via John Babbis, MD, DXLD)

NEWS BLACKOUT IN GREECE AS JOURNALISTS STRIKE
http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,14973098,00.html

Greek journalists began a four-day strike today in protest at the government's austerity measures, leading to a nationwide news blackout. Television channels aired pre-recorded material, radio stations played back-to-back music and newspapers will not be published until Tuesday. Even online news sites shut down.

The Athens journalists' union is demanding the rehiring of journalists recently laid off at several newspapers and TV stations. Many unions have staged months of strikes and demonstrations since the government unveiled austerity measures to battle its budget deficit crisis.

The financial crisis gripping Greece has hit the media sector hard, leading to the closure of several newspapers. Sources: AP/Deutsche Welle (via John Babbis, MD, April 7, DXLD)

1 Comment on ìGreek journalists begin four-day strikeî
1. #1 the-greek-radio on Apr 7th, 2011 at 10:55

Indeed, radio and television stations all around Greece will remain without content for four days. Huge employment problems, cuts and layoffs, forced the employees of the media to go for a four-day strike, beginning from Thursday morning. According to an announcement by their unions, the employees demand from their employers to stop pay cuts, to ensure the institutional achievements and to stop the layoffs.

The strike involves journalists working for newspapers, radio stations, television stations, the ERT (Public Radio and TV), the Athens and Macedonian News Agency, news web-sites, and any institution providing news. During the strike there will be no broadcast of any news from Greece or abroad. The same applies to news reports originating from external productions of ERT and private radio and television stations, as well as to the employees who work for them. No recorded broadcast shall be shown, in this cases, either. No press release will be issued and the journalists will not attend any meeting, conference or briefing.

On Friday, April 8 and subsequent days of the strike there will not be any release by any newspaper, including morning, afternoon, political, economic, sports issues and free press. The strike also involves radio technicians, so even the programs that are not produced by journalists, may not go on air. Similarly, journalistsí unions in the province have declared short strikes.

The strike has been accompanied by a formal complaint by the Unions, that, concerning radio, has been sent to ERT the Associations of the Radio Stations Owners in Athens and Thessaloniki and to the radio stations Channel 1, Athens 984, Xenios, Athlitika Nea, Palmos and RSO

(Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055.00, 2330-0030 and 0345-0400, 29+30.03, R Verdad, Chiquimula, Spanish religious talks and hymns with mixed chorus, best heard in LSB because of various strong utility transmitters, when best: 34333 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a longwire antenna in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4055, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0553-0605*, 01-04, good propagation conditions to listen Radio Verdad here in the city of Lugo in the early morning, but only on LSB mode to separate the noise from the signal in this channel. Today at 0553 clear identification in various languages, Spanish, English, Italian and more. "Escuchan la estaciÛn evangÈlica Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, Guatemala, en la frecuencia de 4055 kHz, banda de 75 mentros, envÌen sus informes de recepciÛn a la siguiente direcciÛn: Radio Verdad, Apartado 5, Chiquimula, Guatemala, CentroamÈrica, tenemos una tarjeta QSL conmemorativa de nuestro aniversario". Anthem and close down at 0605. 24222 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, RADIO VERDAD. Chiquimula, Guatemala. 0200-0215 abril 3, Completa identificacion en inglÈs y dando la hora, luego el programa: Frecuencia al DÌa (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Equipo Sony ICF 2010, Antena hilo de 12 metros, Realizadas en Fomeque, Cundinamarca, Colombia, playdx yg via DXLD)

4055, Radio Verdad, on late at 1132 April 4, with hymns in Spanish, 1152 woman with announcements over background of bird calls, 1158 xylophone music, several ìRadio Verdadî IDs, 1159 more bird calls, instrumental hymn music (banjo, piano & trumpet), 1218 still going. Fair and deteriorating (Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

By ``on late`` do you mean it had just signed on? Nominal *1100 but often not starting until 1130 or later (gh, DXLD)

** GUINEA. 7125, Radio Television GuinÈe, at 0724-0748* UT on Mar 28, nice selection of highlife vocals and instrumentals with a man announcer with French language talks, ID mentions of music programming. Poor to fair but carrier cut mysteriously at 0748 UT without any announcements (Rich D'Angelo-PA-USA, DXplorer Apr 3 via BCDX April 5 via DXLD)

7125, RTG still sporadically active intruder in the exclusive (?) worldwide 40-m hamband, Saturday April 2 at 0612 with Qur`an interrupted every few seconds for translation/explanation in French. Co-channel from an SSB ham in Spanish needing no BFO, tho there were

plenty of clear frequencies around 7125; a deliberate spoiler? Such programming was a surprise to me, as I did not realise Guinea is 85% Moslem, 8% Christian, per 2002y World Almanac. So at least 7% think for themselves, dare to be different (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3290, GBC relaying BBC World Service 0750. Interrupted BBC time pips at 0800.00 to change to local programming. "Time is 4 hours." Anthem/hymn, then full lengthy Guyana Broadcasting Corporation ID with AM and FM frequencies. Then morning inspirational program, 4 April (Steve George, Massachusetts, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. Radio Luz y Vida 3250 kHz EMAIL reply in 90 days after many tentatives. EMAIL : joseaso76@yahoo. es V/s : JOSE ADONEY SANCHEZ (Program Manager) Postal Address : APARTADO POSTAL 303, SAN PEDRO DE SULA. (HANS DIETER BUSCHAU, GERMANY via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4810 // 4880 // 4910 // 5010 // 5040, AIR, 1402, March 30. Excited coverage of the World Cup cricket match between India and Pakistan; many advertisements (ìBrought to you by Lava KKT 22 Plus Mobil Phoneî; most ads in Hindi).

4970, AIR Shillong, March 30 off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SIKKIM

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel. Confirmed the new schedule for their program in English, ìVividhaî. Now on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; in the past was only Mon. and Wed.; on from 1435 (just after the news in English) till 1500. Often presenting an interesting program (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, April 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9690, April 1 at 1329, AIR talk in unID language, rather than musical runup to GOS, let alone the AIR IS, but 1330 switch to English sign-on with constant hum, right into news. The only language service ending at 1330 (on other frequencies) is Tibetan, so maybe that`s it, on the same program feed line (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. AIR QRM TO ALBANIA 13640 summarized in WORLD OF RADIO 1559. --- There is serious co-channel interference to 13640 kHz at 1845-1900 UT, at 1900-1930 UT and 2000-2030 UT due to a late

- a V E R Y L A T E -

registration by India ... BGL is Bangalore, and running 500 kW

13640 1715-1945 38,39 BGL 500 300 Arabic IND AIR
13640 1945-2030 37,46 BGL 500 300 French IND AIR

Nominal co-channel Albania signal was more or less overwhelmed by India at 1845 UT last night, despite putting in a very strong signal into my location. Interference was less strong at 2000-2030 UT, but still objectionable, too badly affected over the pond.

This frequency choice is a very bad one by the Indian FM, and it should have been obvious that interference would occur. As far as I am aware, they have not used 13640 kHz at this time previously. The Indians of AIR have had plenty of time to register it if they were intending to use it. There are other frequencies available in this band, and they should go find one of them.

13640 500 300 Bengaluru 1715-1945 Arabic, 1945-2030 French
(NE, Middle East, NEAF, WeNoWe Africa)

(QRM against Radio Tirana at 1845 and 2000 UT and Radio Dardasha 7 via Media&Broadcast to MIDDLE EAST 13640 1900-1930 46SE WER 125 180)

(Jose Jacob-IND VU2JOS, Updates to: <vu2jos @ qsl.net>
registred start/stop time differs by 15 mins earlier/later, updated of previous A-10 file by wb., wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 28/April 1/2)

Did any of the AIR engineers take part on the HFCC conference at Prague in mid February? Some heavy AIR interference matter appeared now on past week. Maybe the Indian bureaucracy held their own local HFCC conference recently? (Wolfgang Bueschel, BC-DX April 5 via DXLD)

** INDIA. All India Radio had a rather lyrical, and entertaining, 25 minute talk on 6 March entitled "The Romance of Radio" - just started when I tuned-in at 2133 on 7550 kHz. The talk was illustrated with archive recordings and Indian music.

The talk opened by discussing how radio makes one-to-one communication overseas an everyday affair opening a new dimension to communications.

This was followed by an archive recording of AIR's first Controller, Sir Lionel Fielden recounting how All India Radio got its name. Fielden had never liked the title ISBS - Indian State Broadcasting Service - which seemed unwieldy and tainted with Officialdom. He thought that All India Radio, with the suitable initials AIR to be much better. He designed the AIR "monogram which placed these letters over a map of India". (Confession time here: until now, I have never noticed the map of India in the AIR logo!)

Fielden then cornered the Viceroy Lord Linlithgow and asked for his

advice in such a way as to get the Viceroy to suggest the name All India Radio as if he had thought of it himself. Thus All India Radio was born.

The talk then described how "radio became a convenient tool" for freedom fighters against colonialism, broadcasting news of the struggle for Independence. The station was called the Congress Radio.

From Wikipedia, we find this description:

Congress Radio was a clandestine and underground radio station, which operated for about three months during the Quit India Movement of 1942, a movement launched by Gandhi against the British Raj for independence of India. Congress Radio was the broadcasting mouthpiece of the Indian National Congress, and functioned from different locations from Bombay, currently known as Mumbai. It was organized by Usha Mehta (1920-2000), a veteran freedom fighter of India with the help of ham radio operators.

On 14 August 1942, within a week of launching of the Quit India Movement, the Secret Congress Radio, went on air, with Dr. Usha Mehata herself broadcasting this announcement:

"This is the Congress Radio calling on (a wavelength of) 42.34 meters from somewhere in India."

The programme then had an archive recording of Dr Usha describing how they would change broadcasting locations every 8 or 10 days to avoid the police. Congress Radio was mainly concerned with news of how the British Government in India were suppressing and killing innocent people and how the movement was going from strength to strength. Listening to the underground station was banned by the British. The talk then moved onto a recorded extract of Jawaharlal Nehru's famous Independence "Tryst with destiny" speech on 15 August 1947.

Towards the end of the programme, the talk concludes by describing how

"..radio has touched the lives of millions, in times of joy, sorry and even disaster. It has served as abridge between different cultures and generations. The radio is in the people's blood. It is an unlimited medium which gives independence to the human imagination and draws out its own images to correspond with the words being said. It is a medium that is intellectually active. Imagination at play allows us to participate in the events. Radio does not require one to stop doing things. It easily fits into peoples scheme of things."

Yes - it was a most enjoyable talk - I hope that it is repeated for those who missed it (Alan Roe, England, Listening Post, April World DX

Club Contact via DXLD)

** INDIA [non]. CVC A-11
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 6260 0000 0400 41N    TAC 100 153 270311 301011 Hin UZB
 6260 1400 2000 41N    TAC 100 153 270311 301011 Hin UZB
 9660 1100 1400 41N    TAC 100 153 270311 301011 Hin UZB
 9975 0100 0400 41N    TAC 100 131 270311 301011 Hin UZB
13630 0400 1100 41N    TAC 100 153 270311 301011 Hin UZB
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(via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD) TAC = Tashkent, UZBEKISTAN site

** INDONESIA. 3344.97, RRI Ternate, 1330-1403, March 31. Excellent program of the ìBali International English Clubî (BIEC) in English; scheduled for Thursday from 1300 to 1400 UT; two young men chatting about the history of North Maluku (aka Moluccas); reading messages sent in by listeners; on air calls; BIEC meeting this Sunday at 10 oíclock to practice English, seems they are going on a tour with a guide, for a fee of 1000 rupiah; numerous mentions of ìNorth Malukuî; almost fair; 1408 back to Bahasa Indonesia after some music (Kenny G, etc,). Very entertaining! A 10 minute audio of this interesting show at http://www.box.net/shared/43l12tum1h

BTW ñ It seems that Kang Guru Indonesianís (KGI) English program is only broadcast via FM for North Maluku, not on SW (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4869.96, RRI Wamena, 0958-1013, April 6. Tuned in at the usual time for the Wednesday ìKang Guru Indonesiaî (KGI) program in English (1000-1020), but it was not on. I should have checked again one hour later. Atsunori Ishidaís website, at the top of the page, shows their new time of 1059 (disregard the time shown under ìRRI Wamenaî - ì0959î, as it should be ì1059î). I will try again next Wednesday (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Sorry for the confusion on my part! Atsunori Ishida indicates that KGI was in fact on at 0959. He has updated his website. They must have been just too weak for me to recognize the distinctive voice of Kevin. Will try again next Wednesday and hope for better reception. Thanks to Atsunori for keeping us up-to-date with these Indonesian stations! (Ron Howard, San Francisco, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 7289.88, RRI Nabire, 0740-0756*, April 6. In Bahasa Indonesia; EZL pop songs; 0746 a brief singing jingle (perhaps a station ID?); suddenly went off the air in mid-song; sign off time confirmed by Atsunori Ishida ; unusual for them not to make it to the ToH with the relay of the Jakarta new; signal improving; the longer they are on, the better. So at least in California, this is routinely

heard now (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9526-, April 1 at 1336, VOI English with `Miscellany` talk about stem cells, as I endure intermittent audio dropouts (IADs) clocked at 10 times per minute, but quite irregularly spaced and seeming to have nothing to do with momentary modulation peaks. They are even more annoying during music, following at 1341, comedy song combining Hawaiian and C&W; 1344 Englonesian version of Billy Joel`s ``I Love You Just the Way You Are``, plus more Indopop.

9526-, after a spate of reliability for a couple weeks, VOI absent when English would have been aired, Saturday April 2 at 1302 and later chex during the hour. From adjacent RRI domestic relay transmitter at Cimanggis, 9680 still running with gamelan.

9526-, VOI missing for the second day in a row, April 3 at 1251 when should have been in Japanese, and after 1300 in English, but once again the other Cimanggis transmitter with RRI domestic continued to be heard on 9680.

[and non]. 9526-, VOI after missing two days, is back April 4, at 1233 good in Japanese, repeating words, probably Indonesian lesson. 1349 check still on in English hour with ID, ``sound of dignity`` slogan, music; from 1357 usual ChiCom 9525.0 het.

9526-, VOI, Tuesday April 5 at 1314 VG signal but with IADs during another `Exotic Indonesia` co-produxion with RRI Banjarmasin. News that 35 Indonesian soldiers were not among those killed in a Kinshasa, Congo plane crash. News items alternated from Banj and Jak.

1323 `Today in History` about civil disobedience and Gandhi, Howard Hughes, and Tiananmen Square. 1327 `Commentary`. Until 1334 `Focus` on Indonesian embassy funxions being transferred from Tripoli to Tunis. 1335 feature docu from Banj, about the State Islamic Institute, 1 km from RRI studios, the only one on Kalimantan island. Part I on its history and establishment; evidently Indonesia is a theocracy if this is state-sponsored. No, thank you.

Since unusually I have a computer on for another reason, I bring up the corresponding webcast at 1344 via http://www.en.voi.co.id The greeting, mixed with gamelan, says ``...the world service of Radio Republik Indonesia, the Voice of Indonesia, the sound of dignity, dignifying the ultimate noble of human being [sic]``. I see the website has a ``dignity forum`` where one might learn why they are so obsessed with this angle.

I was wondering if the streaming would also suffer from IADs:

fortunately it does not, but the audio quality, especially from Banjarmasin, is degraded, with HF hash in the background. At 1352 they wrap up with one song each from Banj and Jak.

This runs over until 1402 ID in English; still listening to webcast instead of 9526-, it remains in English instead of switching to Indonesian on SW, with brief newscast until 1405 a song about California girls, 1410 live DJ in English saying the next news will be on the hour; amid more pop music, some of it in Indonesian, he inserts at 1416 weather reports for different Indo cities, generally raining and temps 24-33 C; then for SEAs and otherworldly cities, even New York, Europe, and more Indorock (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. 9780, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran; 1933-1943+, 31-Mar; Must have come on at 1930 as sked. Chanting at tune-in to "In the name of God...", then English program notes into news. SIO=352+. Nothing detectable on 9800, 7215, 6205 or 5940. Latter sked for English at 1930, but recent sked posting noted as tentative. 9800 had (tentative) Iran in LL [unknown language] going off at 1930.

9800, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran (very tentative); 1920-1930*, 31-Mar; News & commentary in LL (Arabic or Farsi?) with mentions of Iran and short music bumpers. Off without ID. SIO=343-. Nothing detectable on 9780, 7215, 6205 or 5940. Latter sked for English at 1930, but recent sked posting noted as tentative (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by ear, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, April 1 at 2041, Iranian music instead of Greek; despite ERA`s decades of usage of 9420, VIRI has overtaken their frequency by surprise, as John Babbis has been reporting since A-11 began. Wolfgang B¸schel says Iran has put its all-night Arabic service on 9420 at 1630-0530, which HFCC has as 500 kW, 289 degrees via Zahedan, instead of originally registered 9460 --- because Turkey in Turkish is already on 9460 at 16-21.

But why QSY to 9420? Scenario: without bothering to turn on a radio, or consult any knowledgeable DX reference, IRIB figured that like so many other ERA HFCC registrations, 9420 was also wooden, not really in use! But it is, in fact, up to 24 hours a day!! How will this be resolved? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOIRI/IRIB still have evening transmission in Azeri: 1430-1657 on 9655 SIR 500 kW / 338 deg, but till 1600 totally blocked by Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries in English. 73! Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

i.e. TOM via MBR via AUSTRIA, 1400-1600, 100 kW, 275 degrees (gh DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. MOLDOVA Summer A-11 schedule of Radyo-e Rahoya Iran in Farsi: 1600-1700 on 5810*KCH 100 kW / 100 deg to WeAs, not registered 1530-1730 * plus Iranian bubble jammer (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** ISRAEL [and non]. 13850 noted here March 25 at 1516, strong signal but low heterodyne and whooping jamming noises, again heard 1545 March 28 strong with low barely audible heterodyne and no jamming. On both occasions 11595 had whooping jamming and low heterodyne, Kol Israel presumed the one barely audible underneath this (Mike Barraclough, DX News, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. A11 - until June --- Moshe Oren at Bezeq emailed me that, "13850 and 11595 will continue until June." I didn't receive information about what will change in June (Doni Rosenzweig, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. only Persian on SW from KI (gh)

** ITALY [non]. Hi all, Today, April 3 NEXUS on short wave 0930-1200 on 9510 broadcast Miraya FM in Arabic, instead of European Gospal Radio as of Internet Live Audio channel. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I do not know, but just NEXUS switched from Miraya FM to EGR and now DX Party Line at 1146 UT, Sun April 3 (Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via DXLD)

I guess IRRS Nexus uses STILL Rimavska Sobota relay Slovak Republic ia TX gear? Not Gavar-Armenia (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.) WTFK?

** ITALY [non]. FRATTURA TRA RADIO VOCE DELLA SPERANZA E AWR EUROPE

La rottura dei rapporti tra Radio Voce della Speranza e AWR Europe Ë la causa della sospensione del servizio in italiano di AWR annunciato per il prossimo 11 aprile, al momento non Ë ancora chiaro se il network internazionale della Chiesa Avventista del 7 giorno lo chiuder‡ definitivamente o se riorganizzer‡ una propria redazione.

Di conseguenza, anche il nostro Studio DX a partire da quella data non sar‡ pi˘ diffuso; l'ora di trasmissione delle 0900 UT della domenica sui 9790 kHz sar‡ assorbita dal servizio in lingua spagnola. Maggiori dettagli nella trasmissione di domenica prossima (Roberto Scaglione, http://www.studiodx.net March 31, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Dear radio friends, Our topic is about massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan. In less than 3 weeks after the New Zealand

quake, on March 11 at 14:46 Japan Standard Time, or 0546 UT, magnitude 9.0 earthquake occurred from the epicenter in Sanriku offing in the northeastern part of Japan, which was the strongest earthquake ever recorded in Japan. After strong tremor of this Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake, enormous tsunami was generated and engulfed Tohoku and part of Kanto coastal areas, causing severe damages and huge number of casualties and missing persons. The death toll and the number of missing persons are still rising. We would like to pray for these victims to rest in peace.

JSWC was born in Sendai, the city not far from the epicenter of the earthquake, and has many club members living in the northeastern part of Japan. Three weeks after the quake, there is no report of casualties among our club members, probably because Japanese DXers have a tendency to select their living location on the hill or highland for good reception. I assume this helps them avoid Tsunami damages. I realized this fact when I checked the residence location of many club members living in tsunami affected areas, using the Google map.

One of our member reported that his house is on the hill, but he teaches at a high school near the shore. His high school was severely damaged by the Tsunami and I am very sorry to hear that his car was washed away by the Tsunami.

Some community FM stations in the Tsunami affected area were converted to temporary disaster control FM stations, which were allowed to increase their output power. They are doing very good jobs to provide information to local residents to survive, although some of them had equipment or studios damaged by this earthquake. We have just sent donations to those damaged stations.

It will take years to recover from this disaster, but we are confident Japan is to revive as an industrial nation. This is all for this month (Toshi Ohtake, Japan Short Wave Club, JSWC, P. O. Box 44, Kamakura 248-8691, Japan, April JSWC via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

I hope this is correct, but MW DXers would want to be right by the shore for best results (gh, DXLD)

EMERGENCY FM STATIONS IN JAPAN

As of March 29, 20 Emergency FM stations has been licensed temporally after the "East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster" on March 11. Licenses are valid for 2 months, power 30-150 W. 19 of them are for "East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster" in Tohoku and north Kanto areas, 1 is for the eruption of volcano in Kyushu area. 9 of them are operated by the existing community FM stations, 1 by the local MW

station. [list with MHz in the unique Japanese FM band]

Tokoku Area:
Akita pref.: Yokote 77.4
Iwate pref.: Hanamaki 77.8 Oushuu 78.7 Yamada 76.7 Miyako 77.4 Oofunato 78.5
Miyagi pref.: Oosaki 79.4 Tome 76.7 Ishinomaki 76.4 Shiogama 78.1 Iwanuma 77.9 Yamamoto 80.7 Kesennuma 77.5 Watari 78.6
Fukusima pref.: Fukushima 76.2 Iwaki 77.5 Souma 76.6

Kanto Area:
Ibaraki pref.: Kashima 76.7 Tsukuba 84.2

Kyushu Area:
Miyazaki pref.: Takaharu 82.3 (for disasters by the eruption of volcano "Shinnendake")
(Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, April 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JORDAN. HFCC A11 registrations for Jordan are 0400-0710 11810, 0500-0715 11775 11960, 1030-1130 15290, 1030-1300 11810, 1745-2000 UT 9830 kHz (HFCC data file 31/3 via BC-DX April 5 via DXLD)

HFCC A11 registrations for Jordan are 0400-0710 11810, 0500-0715 11775 11960, 1030-1130 15290, 1030-1300 11810, 1745-2000 9830 (HFCC data file 31/3 via Mike Barraclough, DX News, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

But curtailed recently and now one hour earlier due to DST. E.g. 0400-0500 on 11960 (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

11960, April 4 at 0458, Arabic music and announcement but cuts off the air at 0459:10*. Presumably R. Jordan. A-11 registered as 0500-0715, 500 kW, 250 degrees from AKA site (Al Karanah), and had recently been heard after 0500, but I bet Jordan just went on DST. Yes, WRTH 2011 says it started March 28, UT+3 instead of UT+2, so broadcasts are one UT hour earlier, and this one is only one hour long, anyway, starting at 0400? And anyhow, neighbor Turkey, q.v. continued on 11980 past 0500, so we were not bereft of ME music and culture (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Voice of Korea, 4/02/2011 0148 UT, 15180 kHz, Nice strong signal program was about youth involvement in revolution. Female announcer gave station ID many times till frequency schedule at 0154 UT. Open carrier from 0155 till top of hour. Then Spanish (I think) at 0200. Great copy into North Carolina. Gear was C Crane Shortwave Portable with whip antenna (Glenn Swiderski, Washington NC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata. What is their English schedule now? Friday 25th was not in English (when on former 5910) and also not on Wednesday 30th (on their present 6020); both days normally would have it. Scheduled: 1330-1430. Seems to only be in Korean now?

6020, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata. Have they really dropped English, Chinese and Japanese? For a while now have only heard Korean; as on March 25 (Friday), March 30 (Wednesday), April 1 (Friday), 2 and 3. Scheduled for 1330 to 1430, but very difficult to hear before 1359 due to the presence here of two strong stations (CNR8 and RA ñ both off about 1359) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 3930.05, 0315-0325, CLANDESTINE, 29.03, R Voice of Kurdistan, Sulaimaniya, No. Iraq, Kurdish talk and songs, 33443 heterodyne and weak jamming AP-DNK

4875.00, 0325-0340, CLANDESTINE, 29.03, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, No. Iraq Kurdish talk, jumped from 4885 to avoid jamming 23222 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a longwire antenna in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KUWAIT [and non]. 17550, since R. Kuwait in Arabic to C&W NAm was coming in March 31 before 2400, I listen for it again April 1 at 2035, but not a trace, nor later at 2121. 15540 English also absent before 2100. Is 17750 irregular, or was a propagational anomaly to be credited the day before? Still nothing audible at 2352, but 16m is almost dead except for Taiwan/WYFR 17725. See also CUBA, planning to use 17550 to Europe! Or 17560?

15540, April 2 at 1958, R. Kuwait English service, good with flutter, rock music, but by 2011 had faded to very poor level. Meanwhile, nothing audible from Arabic service to C&W NAm on 17550. Propagation is very selective and touchy with this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Here is one picture, I came across:
A View from the IBB Kuwait Transmitting Station
http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-J-F-LCHDcNo/TZYeIqdbJ-I/AAAAAAAAAVA/54qU92QQnak/s1600/eng.camels.jpg
(Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DXLD)

** LIBYA. 17725, April 1 at 1431, VOAf from the GJ still here at quick check, fair with African music.

17725, VOAf from the GJ, April 4 at 1400 starting English on time for

a change, with still-imaginary frequencies announced, 21695 and 17850; but too poor here vs my cable DTV box bubble-jammer.

17725, VOAf from the GJ, April 6 at 1422 still with imaginary 17850 frequency announcement; fair with less flutter than BSKSA e.g. 17705 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. INTERNET STREAMS OF LIBYAN REBEL RADIOS COMING?

A Twitter user, Hawalsa Guy, who uses the name ChangeinLibya http://twitter.com/ChangeInLibya and says he's in Libya, has been tweeting today to say that he's going to put up live internet streams of Benghazi 675 and Misrata 1449. Some recent tweets:

I am going to try and get an internet stream of the Benghazi and Misrata free radio channels sometime this week #libya #feb17
about 12 hours ago via web

I'm trying to get an internet stream of the Benghazi and Misrata radio stations for you guys.. (no specific time frame) #libya #feb17
about 4 hours ago via web

Request: Guys I need someone to make a 300x300 PNG (smaller than 500kb) for me: Theme: Benghazi Free Radio!! ASAP! I can get it online today
about 3 hours ago via web

@mhusseiiin571 Soon M :) just trying to get the benghazi radio stream working and ill update you guys inshallah
about 2 hours ago via web in reply to mhusseiiin571

@Tanbrit Arabic only - i'll be rebroadcasting what I get on my radio ;)
12 minutes ago via web in reply to Tanbrit

[was in response to Tanbrit: @ChangeInLibya Question: is free Benghazi online radio for non Arabic speakers as well? Either way, great initiative!]
(Chris Greenway, UK, 1442 UT April 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is now up and running for Benghazi 675 at
http://www.ustream.tv/channel/benghaziradio
It's an off-air feed, and you can can hear presumed Qatar co-channel.
(Chris Greenway, 1950 UT April 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, ibid.)

** LIBYA [non?]. FINNISH RADIO HOBBYIST CONFIRMS COVERT RADIO BROADCASTS IN LIBYA
published Mar 29 06:52 PM, updated Wed 06:14 AM

http://www.yle.fi/uutiset/news/2011/03/
finnish_radio_hobbyist_confirms_covert_radio_broadcasts_in_libya_2474557.html

A Finnish DX radio hobbyist has confirmed that the United States has made its Commando Solo aircraft available to coalition forces engaged in operations in Libya.

The special craft is being used for propaganda radio broadcasts currently aimed mostly at the Libyan Naval Forces. Commando Solo is used to conduct psychological operations (psyops) and other missions, broadcasting over standard civilian and military communications bands. The latest version of the craft is capable of broadcasting color television on a multitude of worldwide standards.

Mika M%kel%inen, a DX aficionado since 1980 maintains a website about DXing, which is the practice of identifying and tracking distant radio or television signals. DXers also attempt to receive written verification of their receptions.

According to M%kel%inen, talk of the clandestine allied broadcasts first broke in the global DX community about one week ago, when air operations began against pro-Gaddafi forces. Since then, the broadcasts have been heard around Europe and have even been audible in Finland.

The radio propaganda is just one weapon in the arsenal being rolled out to support anti-government forces in Libya. Last week, the international community finally took action by way of air raids meant to break the spine of the pro-Gaddafi block.

Transcripts from the psyops broadcasts recorded by M%kel%inen show that the messages are in Arabic and English, and aim to persuade Gaddafi loyalists to lay down their arms.

"Libyan sailors. Any orders you receive are unlawful. The Gaddafi regime forces are violating a United Nations resolution ordering the end of hostilities in your country. Return to your family or your home safely. If your ship attempts to leave port, you will be attacked and destroyed immediately."

M%kel%inen, who has also tracked and reported on similar psyops operations in Iraq, said that broadcast and printed propaganda are often deployed in military operations, particularly in cases like Libya, where the coalition forces have no troops on the ground.

"These kinds of clandestine operations are also common in areas where there is little freedom of speech, and then they are used by opposing sides to win people over," he explained.

On his DXing.info website, M%kel%inen writes that he has received an on-the-record confirmation from the Joint Task Force that the Commando Solo aircraft has been deployed in the conflict area and can be used at their discretion.

However the radio enthusiast noted that the US has not made the propaganda campaign public as it did in previous engagements, "In Iraq leaflets were dropped with information about frequencies and broadcast schedules," he pointed out. This time, it seems that the US is taking a more cautious approach to the growing conflict in Libya.

Mika M%kel%inen is also a foreign news correspondent for the Finnish Broadcasting Company YLE (via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

Well, it was also confirmed in the AFP story of 21 March. See previous post. http://www.kimandrewelliott.com/?id=10973

See also Commando Solo factsheet
http://www.af.mil/information/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=182
(Kim Andrew Elliott, March 29, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

I thought the ``Commando Solo`` name for this had been retired a few years ago. It has also been explained by Kim that ``PsyOp`` is the proper insider term, not ``PsyOps`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. MALAGASY - 5010.29, Radio Madagasikara / R Nationale Malgache, Antananarivo, absolutely BOOMING signal 0315 on 4/2 anmts in French and vernacular, possible radio play. 0327 echo anmts / adverts, and into Afr instrumental music 0328 featuring small group with guitar, bass (R Perry, Illinois, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM 1327-1401 Mar 31. Pop tunes, YL announcer, ads, contest promos to 1400; then two pips and presumed news. All in English. Fair in QRM (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 5030.02, R. Television Malaysia, Kuching, 1051-1120, music program with W host. News at ToH. Was // 9835 the entire time. This frequency hammered by 5025 Cuba. Only audible when Cuba was having talk before about 1110. After 1110, Cuba began to fade and RTM was doing much better as it was peaking. (3 April)

5964.71, Klasik Nasional (presumed), 1157 wisps of music. W at 1202 recheck. Low audio level. (1 April)

5964.71, Klasik Nasional, News in apparent Malay by W to 1110, //

9835. 6049.63 was not // as John Wilkins noted also. At 1110, this broke away and went into pop music bridge followed by W announcer briefly, and then Koran. Much better signal than yesterday. Thanks John's log. (2 April)

6049.63, Asyik FM (presumed), Arabic-like pop music at 1159 over ToH. 1201 into more lively pop song. 1205 short jingle and music briefly, then live soft-spoken W announcer in Asian language sounding like Indonesian (Bahasa Malaysian??). Weak. (1 April)

6049.63, Asyik FM, 1135 local bluesy song with haunting W vocal. 1139 soft instrumental music with W in local vernacular. Back to music at 1141. 1146 same W program host returned over music. Canned announcement by deep-voice M at 1147 and W again briefly at 1148. More of the same over ToH. 1201 very short canned announcement in echo by M with rock-like instrumental music followed by W with an "Asyik FM" ID and M wailing briefly as like the Koran recitation. Tuned out at this point. Tnx to Ron Howard's help confirming ID. (2 April)

9835, R. Television Malaysia, Koran at 1051 check. News after 1100. Koran again at recheck at 1156. Fair signal. Started getting more QRM after 1200. (2 April) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. Voice of Malaysia with nice signal.

15295, 4/4 0750 Voice Of Malaysia, nice pop songs, IDs in English, announcement of Voice of Islam in 5 minutes. Jingle at 0759. Good. 15295, 4/4 0800 Voice of Islam, Malaysia, start of the program with some Holy Kuran and translations - explanations in English. Good. Ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, RX: Collins 51S-1 - Drake R4-C (Perseus as spectrum monitor), ANT: T2FD, QTH: Milano, Italia, SW blog: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/ dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6009.96, Radio Mil at 1037 on 4/3, program of romantic ballads, OM and YL Spanish announcements. 1045, "Gracias por su sintonÌa a Radio Mil!". Fadey signal, comes up to good level and than regularly ducks back into the muck. Also 4/4 at 1020 with nice signal. Question: what is the source of the low frequency het on this one? Something interesting in there (R Perry, Illinois, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably LV de tu Conciencia, Colombia, also off-frequency (gh)

** MEXICO [and non]. Most of Mexico went on DST April 3, usual date being first Sunday in April, like it used to be in US (tho border cities switched on same date as US, March 13, for commercial convenience). Resultantly (which does not get redlined by unmodified MSW spellchecker, altho the single word ``spellchecker`` does --- [however, on yahoomail with Firefox, ``resultantly`` and ``redlined``

are redlined, but ``spellchecker`` is not!]), 6185, R. EducaciÛn programming and schedule are now one UT hour earlier.

April 6 at 0525 in Spanish news, presumably RFI delayed relay as previously scheduled at 0600. Now it has ACI from 6190 CRI English via Sackville until 0557. At 0533, R. EducaciÛn live announcer with ID for 1060 and 6185, timecheck for 12:34 and mentions that the RFI relay just concluded. It`s presumably UT Tue-Sat, and 0500 is now the switchover time from separate XEPPM SW-only programming, to duplicating MW the rest of the night.

Since during standard time, 6185 was being turned on up to an hour earlier than nominal *0000, is it now being turned on as early as 2200? It was also running up to a semihour later than nominal 1200*, so is it now left on until 1130? Might as well, as NHK Russian USward is still starting at 1130, blocking XEPPM for a semihour. Vatican`s usage of 6185 is now 0205-0500 for eastern Europe, causing considerable interference even here, but at least BrasÌlia is still silent on 6185 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.44, Cross R.:
Mar 27 0854-0904 34443 English, Music and talk, ID at 0859,
Mar 28 0856-0905 34333 English, Music and talk, ID at 0859,
Mar 30 0846-0902 34443 English, Music and talk, ID at 0852 and 0859,
Mar 31 0857-0906 34343 English, Music and talk, ID at 0859
(Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium April 1 via DXLD)

4755, PMA-The Cross Radio. April 02, 0906-0930 male preacher, sometimes eloquent, in English, short music, male announcements, music. Unreadable, at peak 25322. 73ís (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

(POHNPEI), 4755.45, The Cross, 1041 Pop-like Christian music. 1049 religious program promo. 1056 filler instrumental music. 1059 W with English ID as "You are listening to The Cross, Radio 88.5, and it is 10 o'clock". Into English religious program with M host. Pretty nice signal and clear. Guess the power was staying on late this night. (2 April) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

4755.451, Cross Radio, (Tentative) 0918-0930+ April 3, Noted a male in comments until 0919 when music is played and comments continue over music. Language sounds like English, but it's too weak to pull out of the noise. At 0924 background music is replaced with regular music as comments stop. The music continues through the half hour. At 0935 more comments heard from a male then back to music which is beginning to sound like religious music. Signal was threshold (Chuck Bolland,

Clewiston FL, 26N 081W, NRD545, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO. Re 11-13: Yes, the music at the end of the transmission is "A Marcia de Muneghu", the national anthem of Monaco - a few bars from the beginning also known as interval signal of Trans World Radio Europe. 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 1350, 0900-1200, Mongolian Radio 1, Mongolian, Choibalsan. On 1350 kHz no signal from Mongolia was observed. Only RCC-Hiroshima was heard (Takahito Akabayashi-JPN, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 2 via DXLD)

So, Radio Free Asia ceased using Choibalsan-Dornod, Mongolia relay site.
1350 Choibalsan-Dornod, Mongolia 48 00 03 N 114 26 18 E
     500 kW 150 degrees, 8 mast directional.
     {15-19 and 21-22 UT deleted now, see 648 kHz Razdolnoye-RUS}.

Par Aoki (dated April 2)
648 1500-1900 RUS R.FREE ASIA Kor Vladivostok
648 2100-2200 RUS R.FREE ASIA Kor Vladivostok
648 1900-2100 RUS VOICE OF AMERICA Kor Vladivostok
648 1100-1500 RUS VOICE OF RUSSIA Chi Vladivostok
(BCDX April 5 via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 12085, V. of Mongolia, could hear the IS at 0929, 0959, and 1029, but wasn't strong enough to copy the languages. (25 March) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5915.00, Myanma Radio, Naypyidaw, 2357, April 4, westernized pop songs, weak but in the clear after co/channel CRI English had left. Very unfortunately pushed out again by strong WHRI which appeared on 5920 at 0000. Yangon transmitter was also heard earlier on 5985.82 opening with Bamar? announcement 2301 loudly hetting WYFR (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

/BURMA. 5985.0, Myanma R. via Naypyidaw, 1553, March 30. Very late with the news; ending ID: ìThis news comes to you from Myanma Radioî; ìThe weatherî (present conditions and ìweather for the next two daysî); usual anti-VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB slogan; into segment of music. Earlier had been on 5985.83 via Yangon. News in English normally ends about 1535 or so (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? 5985.88, R. Myanma?? All I could get was a carrier here at 1156. There was entirely too much slop-over QRM from 5980. (1 April) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

7200.06v, Myanma Radio. 1212-1330*, April 1. In vernacular with EZL ballads/songs. The last time heard here during this time period was back in late June 2010; poor to fair with ham QRM (one of them mentioned a foreign radio station on frequency and he thought it was Japan). Am pleased to hear this again, as it is by far the strongest Myanmar station that I can hear (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I was also extremely surprised to hear this, Ron, but did you hear the spur on 7186? It was well down in modulation yet clearly was the same program. It was on 7200 with me and no offset [sic]. The language at times sounded like French. There was a talk or newscast at 1140 and it was the best I have ever heard although clearer on AM and not SSB. Pronounced QSB on signal as well (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, April 2, ibid.)

7200.1, R. Myanma (presumed), talk by M at 1149 then instrumental music and soft MOR vocal songs. 1155 W program host to 1157. 1157 more music with M and W vocals over ToH. 1202 W host again, then back to music at 1204. Nothing special over ToH, which makes sense since it would be the BoH in Myanmar. Strength and modulation wasn't too bad, but there was some ham QRM. Will have to check this out earlier as it was fading when I tuned in. Tnx Ron Howard tip. (3 April) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

7200.06v, Myanma Radio. 1211-1333*, April 3. Running a little late; in vernacular; segments of talking and of music; signal slowly improving. CRI on 7205 signs on at 1300, so best in LSB after that. Believe 1330 is their normal sign off time (as per last year), but it does vary. April 3 was 1330*; on the 4th early sign off around 1230 or so.

Today at 1330 played the usual indigenous instrumental theme music for the start of their Distance Learning program; into a lecture (math?); suddenly off; unable to confirm if lecture was // 5915, as it was last year (CRI too strong to tell if they were underneath) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 9650, with RNW Dutch back on this summer frequency at 1300 via IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES, I made a point of monitoring the end April 2, underclashing with CRI English via Sackville: 1325 mentions Marijke van der Meer, a familiar name from RNW English, 1326 NA, and 1327 open carrier instead of two sesquiminutes of the English feed until 1330*, which was a regular feature last A-season. So it`s been deliberately suppressed, and I can no longer say it should be added to the RNW transmission schedule, and comprehensive schedules of English broadcasts; shux (Glenn Hauser, OK,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Holanda: Concurso aniversario de Radio Nederland

Nuevo concurso, por el nuevo cumpleaÒos de Radio Nederland. El 15 de abril de 1947 se fundÛ oficialmente Radio Nederland, y aproximadamente medio aÒo despuÈs, en octubre de ese mismo aÒo comenzaron las emisiones en espaÒol. El concurso ìAniversario de RNî le permitir· a los participantes escribir sus historias o anÈcdotas relacionadas con nuestra emisora.

Los premiados pueden recibir una visita sorpresa de alg˙n colega de Radio Nederland, radioreceptores, y otros presentes. Las mejores historias ser·n seleccionadas por el equipo del departamento latinoamericano de la radio, y publicadas en nuestra web.

El plazo es hasta el 1 de septiembre del aÒo en curso. Los premiados ser·n tomados en cuenta tambiÈn en el 2012, cuando cumplimos 65 aÒos de estar al aire, o en el futuro, cuando Radio Nederland desee buscar a sus oyentes m·s especiales en espaÒol (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 6160, April 2 at 0614, VG S9+18 signal in English, could be RCI, interview about Ivory Coast, then saying Lynn Desjardins will be next. After music break, at 0618 program ID as ``The Link`` from MontrÈal. Axually, it`s CKZN with CBC Overnight still carrying Radio Canada Internal/Immigration produxions. No sign of co-channel CKZU which, four timezones to the west, would not yet be in such programming. In previous seasons, RCI relays from Asia have been scheduled later on 6160, colliding with CBC`s own CKZU/CKZN! But not in A-11 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15100, 1811 30.3, with prg in English, S10. Also heard at 1803 on 31.1 with same signal level and mentions of Africa, an ID of V of Nigeria 1806, mention of a museum, then a commentary on the international news. Dull audio, S10 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Zacharias, Did you mean 15120 for Nigeria, its usual frequency, where I have been hearing it around 0500?? Would you PLEASE PROOFREAD your posts, check do be sure the numbers are correct before sending?? (Glenn to Zacharias, via DXLD)

15100 I am sure for the feq . look at the new logs today
9470 : yes it was 9420 BUt please notice i cant proof my typing as i do this woirk from the oofice (no time for proofing) as it othee's computer Sorry foe this (Liangas` sic reply, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. 15120, April 1 at 0556, VON with hilife music, 0557 ending `Moving On` show about musical instruments; S9+12, equivalent meter reading to 15190 Equatorial Guinea, but doesn`t sound as loud, and 15120 also has SAH, CCI, listed as CRI Chinese from Beijing site. Both this and VON last another hour until 0700 on 15120. But Nigeria remains absent from HFCC, allowing its channels to be unprotected and ignored by frequency burocrats worldwide.

15120, the sometimes-audible VON English service from 0455: April 2 at 0601 news in English with deep fades peaking S9+10, unstable carrier, distorted crackly modulation.

15120, April 4 at 0449 big hum, must be VON warming up. Yes, at 0450 talking drumming starts, melody and rhythm remind us of a Perry Como tune, ``Don`t Let the Stars Get In Your Eyes``, probably coincidental. 0452 ID as ``Voice of Nigeria, Laygoss``.

Bad/under modulation but S9+15 and now the OSOB --- no sign of Australia on 15160 or 15240 nor any other African sites. Then I look up in HFCC (which lacks Nigeria), and see 15160 does not start until 0500, but 15240 should have been on since 0000. By 0503 check during news, VON signal has dropped markedly but still with its signature hum/whine (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, Voice of Nigeria (Ikorodu), 0518-0524, 4/4/2011, English. News of Nigeria by woman. Most stories involved economic issues. Poor signal with heavy fading, frequently going down below the noise level (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, Tecsun PL-660, whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD) So it`s old Ikorodu, as we suspect, not new Abuja?? How do you know that? (gh, DXLD)

15120, April 5 at 0528, poor signal with unstable carrier, must be VON. Need to catch it at 0500 for news before fading down some nights (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. GERMANY, 11865, Hamada R. Int. Mar 28 *1930-1950 25332-35333 Hausa, 1930 sign on with opening music(IS), ID, Opening announce, Talk and local music (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium, via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

GERMANY [to Nigeria] 21480 kHz 1400-1430 UT to zones 46SE WER 125 kW 180 degr ex MonWedFri, now Mon-Fri 0104-291011 RMI MBR

Zur Zeit 21480 1400-1430 Mo-Fr Hamada Radio International in Hausa. Stolperte heute 3-4 mal mit Senderhochfahren etc. ins Programm etwas spaet ab 14.05 UTC (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via DXLD)

Hamada Radio International in Hausa was on air very late, after 1406 UT today April 1st. TX on 21480 kHz signed-on for a single second twice, triple at 1402 and 1403 UT.

From approx. 1405-1406 UT station program heard in the Netherlands S=5-6 level, -90dBm S=6 in Greece, best backlobe signal far away noted on remote PERSEUS rx at Iceland and Connecticut-USA at -110 dBm or S=5-6 fair level.

Many times IDed Identification as "Hamada Radio International in Hausa" and Nigeria word spoken often over and over again. Full Identification at 1420:04 UT and frequency schedule given by female announcement in Hausa language. 1429:03 UT cut-OFF TX Wertachtal midst on lute instrument music play (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. 21480, Hamada Radio International, April 7 at 1358 good open carrier, 1400 drumming and opening in presumed Hausa; now scheduled M-F 1400-1430, 125 kW, 180 degrees from Wertachtal as an RMI service, but there was no RMI opening in English by Jeff White, as used to occur. This transmission on another frequency started B-10, but soon was dropped. WRMI website
http://www.wrmi.net/pb/wp_d12a1732/wp_d12a1732.html
still displays outdated B-10 schedule for clandestine clients, without sorting them out, so here is a tentative HRI schedule extracted from A-11 info, all via Nauen or Wertachtal, GERMANY:

0530-0600 M-F 9545 11970
1400-1430 M-F 21480
1930-2000 daily? 11865 11945
But which frequencies are alternates and which in use now? The 0530 broadcast had been on two other frequencies in B-10.

Jeff White has just explained: ``Glenn: Usually they're not running the announcement, but it is through us. The Hamada schedule has been changing at least once a week with the elections, etc. and will probably keep changing for the next few weeks`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. TCS On Air Tonight with CLASS WARFARE
Good evening friends! Tonight The Crystal Ship will take to the airwaves on 6815 kHz AM, starting up between 2230 and 2300 UT.
The theme this evening is -- wait for it -- that's right, "class warfare". Radical has a new "Shots from the Portside", Ronald Reagan campaigns for Democrats and the working man in 1948, and other assorted bits. -- John Poet, The Crystal Ship
The TCS Blog http://tcsshortwave.blogspot.com/
(TCS mailing list 2222 UT March 31 via DXLD)

TCS Sunday Night *0000+ --- Greetings! We're having a later startup tonight, we'll see how that works. TCS going on now (0000+) with 80s stuff on 6815 kHz AM. Cheers. ñ (John Poet, The Crystal Ship
The TCS Blog http://tcsshortwave.blogspot.com/
TCS mailing list UT April 4 via DXLD)

6815-AM, following a tip from TCS mailing list, presumed The Crystal Ship, UT April 4 at 0040, hard rock music but too little signal, too much noise. BTW, to keep up with where lightning is striking around the USA, even for non-golfers, see
http://www.weather.com/maps/activity/golf/uslightningstrikes_large.html?from=mapofweek
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, Mar 30 1433-1517 25332 Arabic, Talk and Arabic music and news, Gongs at 1500, ID at 1515 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium April 1 via DXLD) Supposed to be English at 14-15, but not the first time Arabized (gh, DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. A schedule received via e-mail from Radio Pakistan today no longer lists English news at 1600-1615. It was listed to use 11585 and 15285 in their A-11 printed schedule. However, a new time for English news is at 0905 during the World Service to W Europe (0830-1104) on 17720 and 15725. English news continues to be heard at 1100-1104 during this same service (Noel R. Green (NW England), April 4, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Frequency change of Radio Pakistan in Urdu WS:
1700-1900 NF 9350 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu, ex 9390 // 11590 to WeEu (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

[and non] Frequency change of Radio Pakistan in Urdu WS: 9350, Radio Pakistan in Urdu WS 1700-1900 NF 9350 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEUR, ex 9390 kHz \\ 11590 ISL 250 kW 313 deg to WeEUR. Is any a problem with the emission of Radio Bulgaria 1700-1900 on 5900 and Radio Pakistan in Farsi on 5900.4 at the same time? (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 1 via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

Only at the Greek islands I heard some 250 Hertz like Interference, but this weak 5900.25 kHz Pakistan signal is underneath of R Bulgaria 5900 kHz, latter also very strong heard on Perseus rxs at Italy, Switzerland, France, Netherland and northern Germany too (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 1 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, NBC East New Britain, 0802, April 6. A quick check found the PNG birdcall and news in English; was later off

the air for several hours; again noted at 1203. Only one station heard here; no RRI Kupang (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Radio Maria, Papua Nova GuinÈ --- Uma nova emissora ou uma reativaÁ„o depois de algum tempo È sempre algo muito interessante no atual est·gio das ondas curtas, ainda mais em se tratando de uma estaÁ„o transmitindo desde a Papua Nova GuinÈ, como È o caso da R·dio Maria desde Vanimo, reativada nos 4960 kHz. Mais informaÁıes em : http://www.ipernity.com/blog/76129/home
73 (Samuel C·ssio Martins, S„o Carlos SP, April 6, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Unfortunately, he didn`t catch up with the debunking of this as in DXLD 11-13 (gh)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 5960, R. Fly, 1035-1044 local and national news in English by W with journalist reports followed by sports, news highlights, and ending with nice ID "And that ends the news and sports for Friday. From the Radio Fly news-team, I'm Nancy ??, goodnight". Into pop/dance and island music program with M host giving IDs, PSA, and taking phone calls. Had another newscast in Pidgin from 1054 to 1104. Played songs "Endless Summer Nights" by Richard Marx, and "It's So Easy", and "Hurt So Good" by John Mellancamp. 1155 M gives closing announcements, but then continued with more music. Didn't stick around to see if they went off. (1 April) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

RADIO FLY ALERT --- 5960, presumed Radio Fly. Thanks to web tip from Super DXer Dave Valko (an old DX buddy from wayyyy back), tuned this today at 1134 4/4 to hear fairly good signal 1134 with pop music, relaxed OM with muffled English announcements and a program of ballads and lush orchestrals. Everything about the signal and programmming seem to fit the PNG fingerprint but not yet 100% IDed -- unfortunately needed to leave the radio to attend to other obligations, so unable to wait for the 1200a*, so that's for tomorrow, when can 100% ID. Only noise noted at 1205 recheck.

First heard as a rather weak and almost unworkable, fluttery unID 4/1 at 1010-1045, seemed a news program including sporting event game clips, but totally unable to decipher at this point. Left it thinking might even be an LA station! Even before nailing the 100% ID, wanted to alert all that the PNG window is open, even in midcontinental USA. Spring and fall equinoctial reception, esp grayline, always a good time for Pacific DX. For a DXer long 'out of the game' and only recently returned, this was a first-time Radio Fly log for me. Big fun (R Perry, IL, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5960, Radio Fly, 1017, April 6. A talk in Tok Pisin; 1023 start of a music show of all pop island songs with DJ in Tok Pisin and with on air calls till tuned out at 1054; several clear IDs heard, but reception overall was poor (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.96, Wantok R. Light, Recognizable current soft contemporary pop song at 0918 tune/in. 0921 M in Pidgin briefly followed by canned announcement with music and mention of PNG. 0922 spiritual message for a minute. 0922 soft music. 0926 brief announcement by M with possible mention of "the Bible". 0927-0931 another song. 0931-0957 syndicated English religious program with intro by M mentioning "Christian". Preaching by W with audience. Mentions of "way of life", "God", and "the word". CRI's carrier came on at 0957 and wiped out the signal. Is distorted and makes for a difficult copy. Haven't noted 3315 and 3290 PNGs in a while now. Wonder if they joined the others to go silent. (5 April) 73 (Dave Valko, PA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

7324.95, Wantok Radio Light. 0758, April 6. Severe QRM from OTH radar pulsating noise; end of a syndicated religious show; 0800 ID; local program of Christian songs which were extremely distorted/wobbling; 0816 schedule given for Dr. Tayo Adeyemiís show (ì6:30î) and ìat 7 oíclock on the dot the N-B-C National Newsî (is never on the dot!); 0831 intro for the ìNew Wine Churchî with Dr. Tayo Adeyemi preaching; 0902 PNG birdcall; news; 0912 ìand that was the end of the N-B-C National News.î Incredibly distorted audio for the local programming, but for some reason the pre-recorded segment of Dr. Tayo Adeyemi was fairly clear; was able to make out much of what he said; reception would have been almost fair except for the OTH radar QRM. The signal strength was good, so I can easily see why Dave Valko, John Herkimer, et al on the east coast are now able to hear what for them in the past was a rare station (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4850.8, tentativo, RADIO G…NESIS, Huanta. Per˙. 0004-0036* abril 3, musica folclÛrica en vernacular, luego "... bienvenidos a la fiesta espiritual de nuestro Dios..." continuÛ alabanzas evangÈlicas "Jehova es mi pastor" asÌ hasta fuera del aire sin cierre a las 0036. Notada tambiÈn abriendo emisiÛn luego de las 1100 pero sin identificarse y m·s m˙sica de alabanza (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Equipo Sony ICF 2010, Antena hilo de 12 metros, Realizadas en Fomeque, Cundinamarca, Colombia, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. FEBC - broadcasts to the CIS in A-11 --- Seems that FEBC has introduced a new hour for broadcasts to the CIS via Bocaue, Philippines.

13620 1500 1600 21-26,31-34 BOC 100 323 30 216 1234567 270311 301011 D
11500 Rus PHL FEC FEC 4722 F0037R

A-11 schedule of FEBC broadcasts to the CIS via Saipan and Bocaue:
11650 kHz, Saipan, 100 kW, 341 deg
1100-1130 - daily - Russian

11650 kHz, Saipan, 100 kW, 323 deg
1130-1200 - daily - Russian
1200-1230 - Mo-Sa - Russian
1200-1230 - Su - Udmurt
1230-1245 - Mo,Tu,Fr - Russian
1230-1300 - We,Th,Sa - Russian
1230-1300 - Su - Tatar
1245-1300 - Mo,Tu,Fr - Ukrainian

13620 kHz, Bocaue, 100 kW, 323 deg
1500-1530 - daily - Russian
1530-1545 - Su - Russian
1530-1600 - Mo-Sa - Russian
1545-1600 - Su - Ukrainian

P.S. No more Chuvash, Karakalpak, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Ossetian and Uzbek.
Source: http://www.radioteos.ru/ts/sch/sw-schedule.pdf
(Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, dxdlyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Shortwave is still best for Veritas Asia
SOURCE: http://bit.ly/e0mP5A
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia

** POLAND. Poland ??? 7475, Polish Radio External Service. Warsaw ???
2011/03/29 tue 1736-1800* English. ID "Polish Radio External Service, Warsaw" at 1759. Not listed for relaying this frequency on Babcock A11 list, or in HFCC A11, is it their own transmitter? Fair (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, South Africa, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No ideas here (gh)

** PORTUGAL. 12060, April 1 at 0558 music, 0600 4-pip timesignal and Portuguese Portuguese; RDPI now scheduled 05-07, 200 kW, 144 degrees. It`s also back on 7240 which is more reliable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, The power levels used by our RDPi are either 300 or 100, depending on the antenna: the curtain arrays can accept 300 kW RF while the rhombics take just 100 kW.

For the ME/India 81.5∫ (excluded in the A-11 schedule) and NSAm 261∫ beams, they use rhombics. RTP's centre, CEOC, at S„o Gabriel, comprise a far larger number of antennae, not just the currently used ones,

viz. 4 curtains (a 5th one, is idle) & 2 rhombics.

The Pro-Funk (Sines) relay uses 3 x 250 kW txs, reduced to about 90 or even a bit less when in DRM mode. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 200 was a typo (gh)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA, Summer A-11 schedule of Radio PMR Mon-Fri:
1700-1900 on 9665*KCH 300 kW / 309 deg to WeEu Ru/En/Fr/Ge, each 30'
1900-2100 on 9665*KCH 300 kW / 309 deg to WeEu Ru/En/Fr/Ge, repeated
2100-2300 on 9665*KCH 300 kW / 309 deg to WeEu Ru/En/Fr/Ge, repeated
* co-ch till 1730 CRI in Hausa; 1800-2000 REE in French/English Mon-Fri (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD) The 21-23 portion should be UT Sun-Fri, i.e. M-F after local midnite there (gh, DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 13800, April 1 at 2037, RRI with news in English, into `Radio Newsreel`, good // weaker 11880 and even weaker 11940. 13800 is not listed in this early version of the RRI A-11 schedule:
http://www.bclnews.it/a11schedules/romania.htm
Just 11880, 11940 and DRM 9765. But 13800 is in HFCC as:
13800 2030 2100 8 TIG 300 307 1234567 270311 301011 D Eng ROU RRO ROU
i.e. to 8=E USA, beyond Europe (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Vasily Strelnikov on Voice of Russia --- Remember him? "From Moscow With Love" is hosted by him and by Natalia Stefanova...on air right now (0318 UT Monday). This edition recalls the Moscow of 2005-2010. Airtimes for the series: Sat 1905, Sundays 0305, 1105, 1905, and Mondays 0305, 1105

The program debuted this past December as part the rather drastic overhaul of Voice Of Russia programming. Gone are the old warhorses "News And Views" and "Russia and the World: An Update", though these subjects are still covered by such new programs as "Outlook".

I'll give the Voice Of Russia credit; they're trying to freshen their sound; how many international broadcasters are doing that nowadays?
RC (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, April 3, swprograms via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 5930, April 2 at 1251, R. Rossii with nice Bach organ music, 1253 Russian announcement; as usual stronger than // 5940 an echo apart in final few minutes of broadcast day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. MOLDOVA (and non), New summer frequency for Voice of Russia in French:
1600-2100 NF 9410 KCH 500 kW / 235 deg to NWAf
          // 15465 MSK 250 kW / 250 deg to WeEu fr 1700 (1600-1700

carrier) (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

12030, Voice of Russia in French via Novosibirsk, 19-21 UT produces a lot of SPUR signals like a garden fence.

11878-11889 (strong center 11883),
11975-11979
12080-12090
12120-12126
12136-12142
12167-12184 (strongest center 12177 S=9+20dB)
12189-12197 kHz. vy73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SAUDI ARABIA

** RUSSIA. Moscow --- Schedule of the Voice of Russia for the summer period: Voice of Russia, the Russian Service (A-11) All times are UT

In the direction of Europe:
0300-0500 - 1548;
0400-0500 - 630, 693, 1431;
0500-1500 - 999;
0800-0900 - 630, 693, 1431;
0800-1000, 1200-1300 - 9850DRM;
0800-1600 - 621;
1200-1500 - 612, 630, 693, 1323, 1431;
1300-1400 - 9750DRM;
1300-1500 - 1170, 1548;
1600-1700 - 999, 7310;
1700-1800 - 630, 999, 1431;
1700-1900 - 1170;
1800-2000 - 1413, 7310;
1900-2200 - 630, 693, 1431;
2000-2300 - 999;
2100-2200 - 1323;
2200-2300 - 612;
2300-0500 - 621.

At the direction of Moscow and Moscow region:
1900-2000 and 2100-2200 - 612.
In the direction of Australia and New Zealand:
1200-1300 - 12030
1300-1400 - 9465.
In the direction of Central and South America:
2300-0300 - 7285.
Towards Asia:
0100-0300 - 15585 and 15735DRM;
1200-1300 - 12030
1200-1400 - 9745;

1300-1400 - 1251, 9465, 12030;
1300-1700 - 12015;
1500-1600 - 1251.
Toward Africa:
1400-1500 - 5925;
1500-1800 - 15640.
In the direction of Middle East:
0300-0500, 0800-0200 - 1314;
1200-1400 - 1143, 13870;
1200-2000 - 1503;
1300-1400 - 1251;
1400-1500 - 5925, 13870;
1500-1600 - 1251;
1500-1700 - 801;
1500-1800 - 15640;
1600-2200 - 1170.
Toward the Baltic States:
1200-1500 - 612;
1200-1700, 1800-2100 - 1143;
1500-1700, 1800-1900 - 1494.
In the direction of Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus:
0500-1800 - 999
0800-1600 - 621;
2000-2300 - 999.
In the direction of the CIS countries in Central Asia:
0100-0300 - 972, 1503;
0100-0400 - 648;
0100-0500 - 801;
0500-1200 - 972;
0600-0800 - 648;
0800-0900 - 801;
1000-1200 - 1323;
1100-1200 - 648, 801;
1200-1400 - 1143, 9745;
1200-2100 - 1503;
1300-1400 - 1251;
1300-1700 - 12015;
1400-1500 - 648, 5925;
1500-1700 - 801;
1500-1600 - 11730;
1600-1900 - 1026;
1700-2200 - 648;
1800-2100 - 801;
1800-2200 - 1143;
2300-0200 - 1026.
In the direction of the CIS countries in the region of the Caucasus:
0300-0200 - 1314;
1200-1500 - 13870;

1500-2000 - 1089;
1600-1900, 2000-2200 - 1170.

Voice of Russia, the International Russian Radio (A-11)
All times are UTC
In the direction of Europe:
0500-0700 - 1548;
0500-0800 - 621, 630, 693, 1431.
Toward the Baltic States
0600-0700 - 1548.
Taking into account the changes made March 25, 2011
Vadim Alexeyev, Voice of Russia
Information from the :
http://dxing.ru/informatsija/57-raspisanija-radiostantsij/851-b-10-rossija-golos-rossii.html
(Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX 3 April via DXLD)

By the way, there are inaccuracies in the schedule. I have already mentioned, in particular, that to 999 kHz with 0500 to 0600 passed International Russian Radio, but not VOR, as indicated in schedule:
``In the direction of Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus: 0500-1800 - 999``
(Alexander Yegorov, Kiev, Ukraine / "deneb-radio-dx", ibid.)

** RUSSIA. Summer A-11 of Radio Rossii in Russian:
0400-0800 on 12070 MSK 250 kW / 265 deg to WeEu
0825-1300 on 13665 MSK 250 kW / 265 deg to WeEu
1325-1700 on 9480 MSK 250 kW / 265 deg to WeEu
1725-2100 on 7215 MSK 250 kW / 265 deg to WeEu
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

Saint-Petersburg Regional Center A11 ?? schedule (as of March 25, 1230 UT) Valid from March 27 till October 29, 2011

kHz UTC Relay program Language Target area
[MW: all: Russian to St. Petersburg and Leningrad region, u.o.s.]

198 0200-2100 Radio Mayak
549 0200-2100 Radio Mayak
684 1600-2000 Radio Radonezh
828 0100-0500 Radiogazeta Slovo
828 0500-0900 Pravoslavloye Radio
828 0900-1300 Radiogazeta Slovo
828 1300-1700 Pravoslavloye Radio
828 1700-0100 Radiogazeta Slovo
873 0100-2100 Radio Rossii
1053 0000-2400 Radio Maria
1089 0000-2400 Radio Teos
1125* 0400-0900 Radio Orfey

1125*** 0700-2100 Radio Orfey
1125** 0800-2200 Radio Orfey
1125* 1200-1900 Radio Orfey
1440 0300-2100 Radio Zvezda
1494 1500-1900 Voice of Russia Baltic states, North Europe

7340 2000-2130 Voice of Russia Serbian South Europe
12050 1700-1800 Voice of Russia Italian South Europe
12050 1800-2000 Voice of Russia French South Europe, North-West Africa
12060 1500-1700 Voice of Russia Serbian South Europe
12060 1700-1900 Voice of Russia Arabic North-West Africa
12065 1600-1657 CRI Arabic Middle East
12065 1700-1800 Voice of Russia Arabic Middle East
13870 1200-1500 Voice of Russia Russian Middle East

* - starting from April 1 ** - March 25-26 *** - March 27-31

Full version of our current LW, MW, FM and TV schedule is here (in Russian language):
http://www.spb.rtrn.ru/info.asp?view=1553
(via RusDX 3 April via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. Summer A-11 for Voice of Russia via RUI's tx:
0200-0300 on 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to NoAm in English
0900-1000 on 11655 LV 300 kW / 278 deg to WeEu in German
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. April 2 at 1140-1200 Radio Russia and further on the frequency 1260 kHz. Slightly was not reported about DX-opening - but include mathematical ability and dividing 1260 by 252 (the transmitter frequency of Kazan, on which I live five kilometers), was exactly 5. I.e. Kazan transmitter began radiate fifth harmonic, seemingly before this was not observed. Maybe matter in wet weather, and perhaps equipment is aging. The second harmonic at 504 kHz, sometimes even pleasant to receive, because receiver is not restarted. Third in the 756 kHz - poor, but there, I got used to it. Fourth in 1008 has never been observed - and today, too! (Dmitry Mezin, Kazan / "open_dx" via RusDX 3 April via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 15110, Tatarstan Wave, Mar 27 *0410-0420, 45444, Tatar, 0410 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, Opening announce, Taik and song.

15195, Tatarstan Wave, Mar 27, *0810-0817, 35333, Tatar, 0810 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, Opening announce, talk and music (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium April 1 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. IN NEAR-SHORTWAVE QUALITY, VOICE OF RUSSIA ON THE AM

DIAL 24/7 IN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON. Posted: 05 Apr 2011

I just discovered while tuning around the AM dial here in the Washington area: Voice of Russia website, 1 Oct 2010: Voice of Russia in New York City on 1430 and in Washington DC on 1390 24/7. The Voice of Russia World Service has launched a 24/7 AM feed for our listeners in New York City and Washington DC. 24 hours a day we'll fill you in on the latest developments here in Russia and the world." -- The feed sounds like a rather compressed mp3 stream, resulting in less than comfortable listening. Fading and interference aside, the audio fidelity was better when Radio Moscow transmitted via shortwave across the Atlantic.

DCRTV.com, 2 Mar 2011: "Arlington's WZHF (1390 AM) has flipped to the English language Voice Of Russia's programming. The brokered Spanish music and talk has disappeared from the station, which is owned by Multicultural Broadcasting, which is airing VOR programming on some other stations it owns in other markets (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. KAZAKHSTAN, Summer A-11 schedule for Voice of Orthodox in Russian: 1430-1500 on 9950 A-A 200 kW / 310 deg to CeAs Tue/Fri (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. 15460, fair April 1 at 1323 with R. Svoboda ID in passing. HFCC says IBB Russian via Rampisham UK during this hour, full site schedule being: 08-10 Tinang, Philippines; 12-13 Lampertheim, Germany; 14-16 Lampertheim again [why switch to Ramp for one hour??]. NHK due west from Yamata in Japanese is also listed at 12-14, likely to produce a collision in Russia, but not here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. 15275, April 2 at 0603, DW news in English, fair. It`s 250 kW, 295 degrees from Kigali for WAf, also USward; as NIGERIA 15120 was also propagating, but no EQUATORIAL GUINEA 15190, qq.vv. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also GERMANY

** SARAWAK. Radio reception still very poor in the interior - From the Borneo Post online. By Peter Sibon. Posted on April 5, 2011, Tuesday

ìKUCHING: Rural communities in the state are still faced with the problem of poor radio reception 48 years after the birth of our nation. In fact the radio transmission has deteriorated in the last four years.

People in the interior complained that transmission was still clear in 2007 but now it is so bad that they have to resort to short-wave radio to listen to music and news from radio stations in Indonesia, Vietnam

and China.

Radio broadcast is a very important media [sic] for remote rural communities as it is often the only source of news and entertainment from the outside world. Important news and messages from the town to the interiors depended on the radio broadcast.

It forms one of the fastest ways of delivering messages to the interiors. For many of the people living in the remote interior, they depended on the radio to convey or receive messages such as ñ acceptance of a place in the university, jobs, including notification of deaths or critical illness of relatives.

The poor quality radio reception by RTM has been an issue frequently voiced by the rakyat, especially from the interiors; and this issue has been brought during past sessions at the Sarawak State Legislative assembly and there has been assurance by the relevant minister to address the issue of poor reception, however, the quality of radio reception in the interiors remain very unsatisfactory.

Dato Sri Dr James Masing, the incumbent for Baleh made comment on the issue in 2009 that ìIt is really high time that the government improve the quality and coverage of radio transmission in Sarawakî.

Masing, who is also the Minister of Land Development, said: ìIt is somewhat amusing that things had not changed much since 1963 as far as radio communication was concerned.î

Taking the cue from Masing, the former assemblyman of Telang Usan, Lihan Jok, said it was not just the Iban Radio Station coverage that was lacking in the rural area, but both Kayan and Kenyah radio coverage too needed improvement. According to him, the first hour for both Kayan and Kenyah radio transmission scheduled from 4 to 6 pm was okay, but after that, radio stations of other languages such as Vietnamese and Chinese (from China) would take over.

ìJust like in Ulu Baram, some 30,000 people depend on good radio receptionÖ.î Full story at: http://www.theborneopost.com/?p=114900 (via Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via DXLD)

Well, government has already started new SW service relayed from East to West and back to East Malaysia (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

11665//9835 (S5/S4 respectively) RTM Sarawak again at 1916 5 April in synch with a Chinese pop song that time. Best in LSB (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK. 7270v, Wai FM 1213-1300+ Apr 1. YL announcer, regional

vocal music. Signal fluctuated wildly from about 7270.1 to 7270.5; finally settled on "usual" 7270.02 around 1330 per spot checks. But next day was steady on 7270.50 per occasional check. Decent signal on both days (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. 15420, R. Free Sarawak via Palau:
Mar 27 1149-1159* 35443 Iban, Talk and music, Closing announce and ID at 1158, 1158 sign off.
Mar 28 1149-1200* 35433 Iban, Talk, ID at 1154 and 1159, 1159 Closing announce, 1200 sign off.
Mar 29 1152-1200* 35433 Iban, Talk, IS and ID at 1159, Closing announce, 1200 sign off.
Mar 30 1152-1200* 35433 Iban, Talk, ID at 1159, IS and closing announce, 1200 sign off.
Mar 31 1154-1200* 45444 Iban, Talk, ID at 1158, Closing announce, 1200 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium April 1 via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 11820 / 11915, BSKSA Riyadh in Arabisch auf 11820 kHz produziert einen schoenen Motorboot Sound im Bereich 11812 bis 11827 kHz, im remote SDR sehr schoen zu sehen. Ich hoere auch noch ein schwaecheres Signal auf 11917 bis 11923 kHz, aber nur einseitig im oberen Seitenband von dem gleichermassen Riyadh Sender auf 11915 kHz. 1800-2300 UT on March 30 (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 30 via DXLD)

The UNCLEANEST shortwave band area is the 25 mb tonight. Between 19 and 20 UT March 31, I noted: BSKSA Riyadh with accompanied MOTORBOOT sound on March 30 and 31, observed on 11915 and 11820 fundamental, and sidebands range 11906 to 11938 kHz, and 11810 to 11831.8 kHz splattering clearly visible on the remote Perseus SDR screens. vy73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also RUSSIA

** SERBIA. 9635 - late change of IRS International Radio Belgrade. Stubline 9635 kHz (ex 9505) 17 kW mobile unit 1300-1800 UT
noted April 1st at 1300 UT
in Greece -72dBm S=9+10dB,
in northern Germany S=7 only,
in Netherlands -80dBm S=9+10dB.

Bijeljina to Europe and Russia 6100 kHz 250 kW still 1800-2130 UT.
Bijeljina to North America 0000-0130 UT 9685 (ex 6190) kHz 250 kW.
(Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via DXLD)

1300-1630 9635 BEO 017 kW 310/130 to WeEUR En/Se/Sp/Ar/Ru/Fr/Ge
1630-1730 9635 BEO 017 kW 310/130 to WeEUR Ch/Al/Hu/Gr
1730-1800 9635 BEO 017 kW 310/130 to WeEUR It

(DX Mix News changed to 9635, via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, ibid.)

** SERBIA [and non]. BOSNIA/SERBIA, Summer A-11 schedule of International Radio Serbia:

1300-1630 on 9635 BEO 017 kW / 310/130 to WeEu En/Se/Sp/Ar/Ru/Fr/Ge
1630-1730 on 9635 BEO 017 kW / 310/130 to WeEu Ch/Al/Hu/Gr
1730-1800 on 9635 BEO 017 kW / 310/130 to WeEu It
1800-1930 on 6100 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Ru/En/Sp
1930-2000 on 6100 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Se Sun-Fri
1930-2030 on 6100 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Se Sat
2000-2030 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Ge Sun-Fri
2030-2130 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Fr/En
0000-0030 on 9685 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Se Mon-Sat
0000-0100 on 9685 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Se Sun
0030-0100 on 9685 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm En Mon-Sat
0100-0130 on 9685 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Se Wed
strong co-ch CRI in Arabic
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. 9685, 6/4 0040, Int. Radio Serbia, international reports, later classical music, good signal but not so good modulation. Off air at 0102 and 0104 for one minute and for several seconds: transmitter problems (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Collins 51S-1 (Perseus as spectrum monitor), T2FD - QTH: Milano, Italia. SW blog: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/ dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. 4834.89v AIR Gangtok, 1355, March 30. One of their better receptions; slightly off frequency, but March 31 back on 4835.0 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INDIA. 4835, AIR Gangtok (presumed), 1252-1311 Mar 31. Man and woman chatting in unknown language. Low level signal and deteriorated further after 1300 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. PUBLIC SLOVAK BROADCASTER RTVS TO RECEIVE EXTRA 10M EURO FROM STATE | Text of report in English by privately-owned Slovak SITA news agency website

["RTVS Gets Additional EUR 10M for TV Broadcasting" - SITA headline]

Bratislava, April 4, (SITA) - Culture Minister Daniel Krajcer and Director General Miloslava Zemkova have signed an amendment to the contract between the state and the merged public-service Radio and Television of Slovakia (RTVS) on Monday [4 April]. The contract would enable RTVS to receive an additional 10 million euro for television

broadcasting public services. These funds are intended to be used for the broadcaster's own production, but RTVS is also allowed to make use of some external contractors and investments. As the ministry's spokeswoman Eva Chudinova told SITA news agency, the overall volume of own production is 55 projects (560 broadcasting hours) and volume of external production is 10 projects (19 hours) worth 500,000 euro.

The Culture Ministry is also preparing a second amendment worth eight million euro. Two million of these are planned to be used for external production, six million for investments. One of the conditions for external production will be international co-production. All programmes will have to be original production in public interest.

According to Chudinova, the ministry created an audit group, which will be inspecting fulfilling the 2010-amendment this year. There are some indications however that the funds may have not been used efficiently and effectively in some recent projects. "The 2011 amendment came into existence after complicated negotiations of both parties and in spite of the RTVS current situation, caused by the former management, we have to conclude that the 2011 amendment will provide for continuous production," said Chudinova. Source: SITA website, Bratislava, in English 1619 gmt 4 Apr 11 (via BBCM via DXLD)

MORE THAN 400 JOBS TO BE CUT AT PUBLIC SLOVAK BROADCASTER RTVS BY MAY | Text of report in English by privately-owned Slovak SITA news agency website

["RTVS Prepares Collective Lay-Offs Affecting 408 Jobs" - SITA headline]

Bratislava, April 6, (SITA) - The public-service Radio and Television of Slovakia (RTVS) is preparing collective lay-offs which should affect 408 jobs. Merging Slovak Television and Slovak Radio brought also a new organization structure and that is why a number of positions are redundant now. Also, the number of jobs will be reduced due to austerity measures within the budget, Alexandra Stullerova Korenova of RTVS told SITA news agency on Wednesday [6 April].

As RTVS further informed, the employment contracts will be terminated based on Labour Code as well as Collective Agreement of RTVS. The first letters of notice will be delivered in May. Prior to taking this step, RTVS management negotiated the lay-offs with trade union organizations in RTVS and according to its statement, RTVS will do its best to mitigate impacts of the dismissals on the employees.

The management of RTVS tries to save and significantly lower the loss planned by the former management of the Slovak Television. "Significantly means by more than a half," said programme director of

RTVS Lubos Machaj at a press conference on Tuesday [5 April].

Originally, a loss of EUR 15 million was planned and current management of RTVS reduced it by a half. According to Machaj, the solution of the financial situation will be divided to three parts, austerity measure within their own activities, debt settlement by state and cancelling the sport channel Trojka. Source: SITA website, Bratislava, in English 1616 gmt 6 Apr 11 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.88, Honiara being noted nearly daily now, as early as 1030 in the Midwestern USA. Nice reception 3/26 from 1130 to 1205*, sig fading up all the way. Best when Cuba 5025 in talk. ID on the hour by OM, "You are tuned to the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corp . . . our programming will resume . . . at . . . in the morning." Then a YL sings briefly with choral backing, and into rousing orchestral NA at 1201.45. 1203 OC, and carrier cut at 1205*. Heard several other mornings, even as early as 0945 on 4/1. This is fun DXing, one of my all-time favorite stations (R Perry, Illinois, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, Solomon Islands BC, Honiara. April 01, 0908-0919 Islands music, male and female in Tok Pisin talks. Able to pick up only some words, like ìprogram, Solomonî. Initially QRM of R. Rebelde on 5025, sometime later some splatter of R. Aparecida on 5035, 32433 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5019.90, SIBC, 1059, April 6. Sound of conch shell horn; go to http://www.conchshellhorn.com/ to hear what that sounded like; ìthe Government Communications Unit, with the Office of the Prime Ministerî has a 30 minute program ìParliament Reportî at ìhalf past nine every night Monday through Fridayî; PSA (stay away from windows during a storm); 1101 ID with frequencies (ì1,035 kHz. MW band and on short wave 5,020 kHz., in the 60 meter bandî); news in English (6 members of Parliament who had resigned from the opposition group have joined the government; one million dollars to be spent for designing a new Prime Minister's residence; warming about a cholera outbreak; etc.). ìYou are listening to the news from the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporationî; good signal strength and light Cuba QRM from 5025. Very nice to hear the unique sound of conch shell horn! This is another station that is making it over to the east coast for some decent reception there (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 1485, Radio Today, Marks Park, Johannesburg. 2011/03/27 sun 2120-0000. Tuned in at 2120, found unmodulated carrier, some 40 minutes before they normally relay the BBC. Nice carrier!

1485, Radio Today, 2011/03/28 mon 0000-0330, Periodic checks throughout an insomniac night showed no relayed BBC, just unmodulated carrier. Modulation (BBC) introduced sometime between 0320 and 0350, presumably when the day shift came in to set up for return to daytime programming at 0400! Nice carrier! (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, South Africa, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Hi Glenn, I've just been reading your Listening Digest 11-13. Over the past weekend (2 & 3 April) I have monitored AWR, SW Radio Africa, BBC WS and the SA Radio League, all on the Sentech transmitters at Meyerton. The Channel Africa announcement must apply to themselves only (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. reduced to M-F only

Summer A-11 of Channel Africa. From Apr. 1 Mon-Fri, ex Daily
0300-0355 on 5980 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to ECAf English
0300-0455 on 3345 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English
0500-0755 on 7230 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English
0600-0655 on 15255 MEY 250 kW / 328 deg to WCAf English
0800-1200 on 9625 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English
1200-1400 on 9625 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf Nyanja/Lozi
1400-1600 on 9625 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf Portuguese/English
1500-1555 on 15660 MEY 250 kW / 005 deg to CEAf Swahili
1600-1655 on 15235 MEY 250 kW / 340 deg to WCAf French
1700-1755 on 9675 MEY 500 kW / 330 deg to WCAf English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. New time & frequency of So. African Radio League in English:
1630-1730 NF 3230 MEY 100 kW / 000 deg SoAf Mon, ex 1905-2005 on 3215
0800-0900 on 7205 MEY 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf Sun
          // 17570 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to EaAf Sun
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 13810, April 1 at 1433, Brother Scare mixing with weaker signal; scheduled as Iran in Hindi from 1430, 500 kW, 102 degrees via Sirjan; Scare is 100 kW, 130 degrees from Nauen, GERMANY so likely to collide even worse around the Mideast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [and non]. 17595, REE, April 1 at 2120 the same hypernasal YL we hear on the 1430 Portuguese news snippets, is saying ``ciao`` to her Brazilian listeners (as if she were Italian?), and then playing Arab music (or should I say Moorish?). This service is M-F 21-22 on 17595 only. See also CUBA

5965, REE via COSTA RICA mixing with Vatican, April 2 at 0606, program involving flamenco music, not `Amigos de la Onda Corta` DX show which

in B-10 was at 0605 Saturdays. Would they shift it one UT hour earlier for A-11 so we could still hear it by staying up only till 12:30 am local? Of course not!

JosÈ Bueno`s DX program publicity says it is now at 0630, so we would have to stay up until 2 am! On 5965 CR and direct 11890, 12035, which were not propagating this night. He says the only other airing is Sundays at 1330, same UT as in B-10, but it was NOT on at that time March 27, maybe really shifted to 1230? On 11880 via CR, which like 15170 before it, is absent on Saturdays, back on Sundays; et al. 0630 Saturday also needs to be confirmed by someone awake.

11880, Sunday April 3 at 1238, REE`s `Amigos de la Onda Corta` is in progress via COSTA RICA, station news including ESPN on the air from Dominican Republic on MW 690; then REE`s EmisiÛn Sefarad celebrates its 25th anniversary April 4, schedule for it and interviews with presenters Matilda and Rajel, who are also involved in other projects such as a new book of Sephardic poetry.

So, as we suspected, despite publicity all over Spanish DX groups that ADLOC would be at 1330, for A-11 it is really an hour earlier now at 1230 Sundays on this and all the other frequencies. It seems that with every seasonal change, erroneous info about this scheduling gets published as fact, to be corrected by monitoring. Conditions were subnormal for Spain direct on higher frequencies. Still unconfirmed is the only other alleged time, Saturdays 0630. Did anyone hear it then April 2?

9650, the third and final broadcast of EmisiÛn Sefarad from REE is confirmed here, UT Tuesdays 0415-0445, not on alternate 9690. VG signal to NAm, from 0438 with music until sign-off. Sorry I missed most of it, as this was their 25th anniversary (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. Sri Lanka had been providing an excellent signal most afternoons during the B-10 season from 1530 to 1630 on 11905. Reception does deteriorate after 1600 with co-channel QRM from, I think, R. Polonia. This transmission is a relay from the English FM service of a one hour programme called "Nameste India" - announcing "This is Radio Ceylon calling out to India". A very relaxed programme with an engaging and, perhaps, a surprising mix of Hindi and 50/60's English songs.

The 20 March programme started off with "Happy Holi - day" greetings. Today is Holi - The Hindu Festival of Colours. The first song is a Hindi song about Holi.

A quick Google search brings up this explanation from

http://www.indiaexpress.com

"The festival of Holi is celebrated on the day after the full moon in early March every year. Originally a festival to celebrate good harvests and fertility of the land, Holi is now a symbolic commemoration of a legend from Hindu Mythology. The story centres around an arrogant king who resents his son Prahlada worshipping Lord Vishnu. He attempts to kill his son but fails each time. Finally, the king's sister Holika who is said to be immune to burning, sits with the boy in a huge fire. However, the prince Prahlada emerges unscathed, while his aunt burns to death.

Holi commemorates this event from mythology, and huge bonfires are burnt on the eve of Holi as its symbolic representation. This exuberant festival is also associated with the immortal love of Krishna and Radha. [...] Apart from the usual fun with coloured powder and water, Holi is marked by vibrant processions which are accompanied by folk songs, dances and a general sense of abandoned vitality. Today Holi is an excuse for Indians to shed inhibitions and caste differences for a day of spring fever and Big Fun. Teenagers spend the day flirting and misbehaving in the streets, adults extend the hand of peace, and everyone chases everyone else around, throwing brightly colored powder (gulal) and water over each other."

The Holi song is followed by a cover version of an Elvis Presley song "Do the Clam" - perhaps first thoughts are that this appears to be an odd choice, but it is certainly an exuberant song which I guess is in the spirit of the Holi festival.

First verse:
  Hey everybody gather round
  N' listen to that bongo sound
  Grab the first one in your reach
  Now we're going to shake the beach

Chorus:
  Do the Clam, do the Clam
  Grab your barefoot baby by the hand
  Turn n' tease, hug n' squeeze
  Dig right in n' do the Clam
-- Lyrics courtesy of http://www.elyrics.net

The programme continued with Hindi and English songs alternating, and chat between the the male and female hosts, talking about the Holi festival, with the male host stepping aside for a second female host half way through. (I've never managed to catch any of their names).

Songs by such artists as Jim Reeves and Dean Martin have featured in

past shows. It seems surprising to me that such an odd mix of songs attracts an audience, and it's a little difficult to know who exactly the programme is aimed at. I've never heard any letters read out, or requests, or even dedications - any of which you might expect from a programme "calling out to India". However, I think that the programme has been running for some time, so I guess that it does work. I certainly enjoy it, and it is quite nice to hear English music that you hear little enough of anywhere on the radio these days.

Unfortunately, as was the case in the A-10 season, during A-11, Portugal blocks this frequency when they sign-on at 1600 Monday to Friday (from 1400 on Saturday and Sunday). (Alan Roe, England, Listening Post, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. SUDAN YOUTH GROUP LAUNCHES ANTI GOVERNMENT STATION

Report on Media Network that a Youth opposition group, Youth for Change, launched a shortwave broadcast yesterday every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1530-1600 on 15540:
http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/sudan-youth-group-launches-anti-government-radio-on-shortwave

The HFCC A-11 data files have a registration for 15540 1530-1600 via Grigoriopol, Moldova to ITU Zone 48, 300 kW at 160 degrees. Same also registered at 1430-1500. Brokered via World Radio Network. Both registrations are for daily broadcasts (Mike Barraclough, April 1, dlxdyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

SUDAN: YOUTH GROUP LAUNCHES ANTI-GOVERNMENT RADIO ON SHORTWAVE

A Sudanese anti-government youth group announced on Thursday that it has launched a radio station on shortwave frequencies across the country in order to drum up support for regime change, a bold bid to challenge state control over broadcast media outlets in the country. Worsening economic conditions manifested in sharp increases in food prices compounded by a glum mood following the secession of the oil-producing south in a referendum held last January have stoked dissent in north Sudan.

A clutch of anti-government youth groups have emerged and are actively attempting to galvanize support for a popular uprising against the 22-years old rule of President Omer Al-Bashir government inspired by current revolts in the region. However, their few attempts to stage anti-government protests over the last two months had failed to take on a mass appeal and were swiftly squashed by the authorities.

One youth opposition group known as Youth for Change, the shorthand of which is Shararah [Arabic for spark] has taken the battle to a whole

new level by announcing the launch of its radio programming on shortwave across the country. Breaking the news via a statement on its Facebook-based page, Shararah said its radio broadcasts would start on shortwave frequencies across the country as of Thursday, March 31.

According to the groupís statements, the radio programming would be broadcast every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for 30 minutes starting at 6:30 pm [1530 UT] and can be heard on 15540 kHz. ìWe urge our listeners in all parts of Sudan to follow our broadcasts and provide us with information on whether our broadcasts have reached all [target] areasî the groupís statement said.

ìThe service will cover all parts of Sudan in a continuation of the tremendous efforts exerted by different segments of the society, especially youth groups, in order to get rid of the [National Islamic] Front regime to extricate Sudan from this dark abyss,î the statement added. The group further asked those wishing to contribute to the radio or send audio materials to contact it through the following e-mail: syr.radio @ gmail.com

It is not clear whether Shararah radioís broadcasts will be relayed from inside or outside the country, but Sudanese authorities have in the past successfully blocked the operation of radios it deemed hostile to the government, especially in the densely-populated Khartoum state. Unlike print-media which enjoys relative freedom in Sudan, broadcast media is tightly controlled by the state and heavily regulated by the National Telecommunication Corporation, which also filters and monitors internet content.

There are 16 radio stations broadcasting on FM frequencies in the capital Khartoum. Almost all of them focus their programming exclusively on entertainment, religious affairs or sport.

(Source: Sudan Tribune)(April 1st, 2011 - 12:53 UT by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

SUDANESE PROTESTERS TAKE MESSAGE TO AIR WAVES
Protests planned online failed to take on mass appeal
By Opheera McDoom Photo by menasborders.com

KHARTOUM, April 2 (Reuters) - Sudanese protesters took to the airwaves on Saturday after failing via the Internet to mobilise anti-government marches like those in neighbouring Egypt and Libya.

A group calling itself the Sudanese Youth Forum said it would begin shortwave radio broadcasts every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. (1530 GMT) for 30 minutes to reach the mostly rural population of Africa's largest country.

"Youth of Sudan, you have to focus and take to the streets all over the country," the anonymous broadcaster said. "President Omar Hassan al-Bashir said himself ... he took power through force and he will only leave by force."

Youth activists say their groups on social networking sites have been infiltrated by government agents, hindering their usefulness even in the capital Khartoum -- one of the few cities where the Internet is widely accessible.

The radio programme also discussed unemployment and corruption in Sudan which is suffering an economic crisis and will split this year after the South voted in a referendum this year to secede.

Bashir took power in a bloodless coup in 1989 alongside an Islamist movement. He is the only sitting head of state wanted by the International Criminal Court which accuses him of war crimes and genocide in the war-torn Darfur region.

His government, facing discontent over shortages in foreign exchange and soaring inflation, has been unnerved by uprisings over the Middle East. Losing the oil-rich south will be another blow.

It was unclear how wide an audience the programme reached but in mostly rural Sudan, radio is the most popular way of getting news.

Bashir has promised to step down in elections due in 2015 and create an anti-corruption commission. He has faced strong calls for reform from within his own ruling party.

Heavy-handed police, and a society fragmented and tired by decades of conflict, have ensured anti-government protests have remained small.

A witness in Fedassi village in Sudan's agricultural heartland of Gezira state told Reuters several hundred residents blocked the main road to Khartoum on Friday afternoon protesting at a government plan to confiscate their land.

"After that the police used tear gas to break up the demonstrators and reopen the road," said the witness, who declined to be named for fear of arrest. (Additional reporting by Khalid Abdelaziz)
SOURCE: http://bit.ly/fZCbzy (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Tuned in to 15540 at 1532 today (April 1) and there is a station with talks in East African sounding language with occasional Horn of Africa music, mention of Radio Hurriyah(?). Noise jamming came on at 1534 which is increasing in strength (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden

City, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mike, I tuned in for a check at 1535. Yep, a presumed clanny station to Ethiopia there. Usual Ethiopian white noise jammer on the freq. Was gone at recheck around 1600, the jammer continued. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, ibid.)

The jamming intensified during the transmission so that by the end of the transmission intelligibility was poor, despite the strong signal. Broadband jamming as you say splashing onto other adjacent frequencies (Mike Barraclough, England, 1616 UT April 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, ibid.)

Saturday, 2 April, I was listening to 15540 again. At 1531 audio came in with the Sudanese Youth Radio in Arabic. Sounded at times a bit undermodulated/weak audio stream but could follow the program. Heavy splatters from 15545 (some Caucasus programming there?). I e-mailed my observation to the station and within a few minutes got a nice reply from the announcer thanking and confirming the details. I think shifting the program half an hour later would solve the splatter problem of 15545. Maybe the QRM isn't so bad in target area anyway (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Probably the Ethiopian jammers don`t realize this is a different program from R. Xoriyo since it is on the same frequency an hour earlier. Shararah should move to a distinct frequency (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

In northern Europe some remote SDRs showed powerful signal from Grigoriopol Moldova like -74dBm S=9+10, but in southern Europe towards Griechenland typical 20 kHz broadband white noise JAMMING noted co-channel and hit the Sudan signal, like the Ethiopian jamming on 41 against ERI and 19 mb against DWL Amharic in past years (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD)

Maybe two different radio program stations:
Radio Xoriyo Ogadenia in Somali (tent.)
1430-1500 15540 KCH 300 kW 160 deg to EaAF Mon/Fri.

Radio Hurriyal in Somali (tent.) [no, Shararah as above]
1530-1600 15540 KCH 300 kW 160 deg to EaAF Tue/Thu/Sat.
In A-10 Radio Mada Internationale in French Sat/Sun to Eaf (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 1 via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 13620, April 4 at 0455, good with flutter, the SSOB, only other significant signal being Russia 13775. Talk is Arabic-like

but also seems tonal, which Arabic is not. 0500 lo-fi speech continues thru hourtop, but 0502 R. Dabanga singing and spoken IDs. This is 250 kW, 330 degrees from MADAGASCAR so also USward, at 0430-0527 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. New schedule of Sudan Radio Service from April 9:
0400-0500 on 13720 DHA 250 kW / 245 deg to EaAf Arabic
0500-0600 on 13720 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Arabic/English
Sat/Sun, ex Daily

All others transmissions will be deleted from April 9:
1500-1530 on 17745 SIN 250 kW / 114 deg to EaAf English
1530-1700 on 17745 SIN 250 kW / 114 deg to EaAf Arabic
1700-1730 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Dinka Mon
1700-1730 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Zande Tue
1700-1730 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Moru   Wed
1700-1730 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Bari   Thu
1700-1730 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Shiluk Fri
1700-1730 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Arabic Sat/Sun
1730-1800 on 9590 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf English
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Demolition of Horby shortwave antennas video

Five videos posted recently to YouTube:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSJPsBmnclA
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZuYOFsaOwc
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdG3Zut8YDc
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DbWx9weaY0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1Jw_3xHnYs
(Mike Barraclough, April 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

All short, one at a time. Axually, I don`t see much of any antennas, just towers collapsing (gh, DXLD)

** SWEDEN. Radio Nord: The station blog is at
http://www.radionordrevival.blogspot.com
On March 24 they received the news that one of the key members of the Radio Nord Revival team, HÂkan Widenstedt, sadly passed away on March 21. They reported that:

He was sitting on a platform some 60 metres up in the mast at Hˆrby dismantling one of the curtain antennas when he suddenly raised and fell down. The security equipment worked and he remained hanging a few metres below the platform. His colleagues instantly brought him down from the mast but his life could not be saved. It is believed that he may have been struck by sudden illness but that has as of yet not been confirmed.

HÂkan was very interested in Radio Nord and offshore radio in general He has been of great assistance with frequency planning for our project, contacts with the licensing authority and antenna calculations. We will carry through the project as planned with further transmissions coming up on May 27-29 but it is indeed sad that HÂkan is no longer with us and can be part of the project. Thank you for everything, HÂkan, and rest in peace (via Mike Barraclough, DX News, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. Monte Ceneri 558 kHz in service --- The Voice of Russia relays via the Monte Ceneri (Switzerland) transmitter on 558 kHz finally started today, noted at 1830 with German, // 1431 etc. When rechecking at 2030 the transmitter was off.

The modulation appeared to be pretty soft, even compared to the Wilsdruff transmitter on 1431 which does not run super high density DC either. Probably no limiter/compressor is in use at all, unlike the former SRG use of this frequency. But this needs another listen under better circumstances.

The originally circulated schedule information appears to be somewhat outdated, specifically concerning the 1800-1900 hour which is in use for German now. Voice of Russia gives at http://german.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/4007478/48286561.html the slots for German as 1000-1200, 1500-1700 and 1800-1900. Italian could well be on air from 1700-1800 while French could be on between 1900 and 2000. (Beware of DST, resulting in different conversion to UT now.)(Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 8400, SOH (presumed), 1225-1233, March 30. Recently often heard in the clear at this time just before Firedrake. Strong Firedrake signed on at 1233 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 10300, April 2 at 1307 instead of usual Firedrake, axual talk in Chinese and no jamming! Poor signal. *1310 Firedrake cuts on, but a mix of them still audible. In B-10, Aoki had 10300 as one of numerous 100-watt nuisance transmitters of Sound of Hope = Xi Wang Zhi Sheng at 2000-1700, but they must have put a much more powerful transmitter on it now; 1348 recheck, not much but FD audible.

10300, April 5 at 1310, Chinese talk, very poor, presumed Sound of Hope, and NO Firedrake to block it. Previous days FD cut on around this minute, but today still absent at 1330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA

** TURKEY. On March 30, TRT Ankara in German at 2300 UT on 7205 S=9+15 dB and at 2316-2320 UT switched on and OFF on 9530 kHz too, latter program content TRT German also, and endless announcement loop in various or rather all TRT broadcast languages, like Spanish and other.

Mayby some Emirler or «akirlar transmitter site hardware TEST? Excellent S=9+15dB strength and audio quality noted. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15450, monitored V. of Turkey again April 1 on reactivated A-season frequency for 1230 English: fair at 1249 and at 1321 when in sign-off, announceress still imagines this broadcast is an hour later on 25m; only 2.5 iterations of the IS before cut carrier, but still identical rather than variations, and listening more closely, I don`t think it`s on a real piano any more but some `authentic instrument` keyboard. Boring. See also IRAN

11980, 0458 April 4 Turkish music, 0500 accurate timesignal and presumed news theme, news talk. Scheduled now 04-06, 500 kW, 310 degrees from Emirler to Europe, also USward when propagation cooperate. See also JORDAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKMENISTAN. 5015.00, 2350-2400 30.03, Turkmen R, Asgabat, Turkmen ann and typical songs - only audible in LSB! 35333. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a longwire antenna in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** UGANDA [non]. 15410, R. Y`Abaganda, carrier on a dekasecond before *1700 Saturday April 2, new A-11 frequency ex-17725 for 1700-1715 weekly broadcast via Issoudun, FRANCE --- but very poor signal, some music audible, so presumed, while RFI itself on 15300 from same site was much better. This disparity is too great to explained by the registered parameters:
15300: 500 kW, 190 degrees
15410, 250 kW, 140 degrees
The latter has advantage of being much closer to directly off the back toward here, and half the power should not result in much less than half the signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Re 11-13: Which means no more English or German on short wave from Ukraine? (Eric Koie, Denmark, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Who knows; Transmissions may be resumed some day (Aleksandr Diadischev, Russia, ibid.) Viz.:

Summer A-11 of Radio Ukraine International:
1400-1700 on 9420*KHR 100 kW / 055 deg to RUSS in Ukrainian
* co-ch VOG ERA-5 Greek; CNR Kazakh/Uighur; VOIRI/IRIB Arabic from 1630 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD) See also RUSSIA [non]

From 1500 to 9420 kHz RUI accept interference from strong stations, say in what is Turkic language (Alexander Golovihin, Togliatti / "deneb-radio-dx" Degen 1103, the antenna - a wire 10 meters, via RusDX 3 April via DXLD)

March 31, From 1520 UT tuned to the frequency 9420 kHz and heard RUI in Ukrainian language. But the frequency of such a mess, station 4 interfere with each other at different languages. Radio Ukraine hear me wrong. Reception - 32332 (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan / "deneb-radio-dx" Receiver: Degen 1103, Antenna: Telescopic, ibid.)

As already discussed here, 9420 is and has been Voice of GREECE, mostly in Greek, 23 hours a day for years. Now Ukraine decides to use it and so does Iran! Another colossal failure of frequency management (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U K [and non]. Information about how to listen to BBC World Service in various parts of the world has just been posted to the BBC News "World Radio and TV" web pages. I found these by a Google news search. I can't determine how one would navigate to these pages from the BBC or BBC News or BBC World Service home pages. They were probably posted at the beginning of the A-11 shortwave frequency season, which began 27 March.

How to listen to BBC World Service in Iran, Afghanistan, Central Asia
How to listen to BBC World Service in South Asia
How to listen to BBC World Service in East Asia
How to listen to BBC World Service in North and South America
How to listen to BBC World Service in Europe and Western Russia
How to listen to BBC World Service in the UK and Ireland
How to find a listening schedule where you are
What is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)?
How BBC World Service is run and funded (for linx see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=11029 April 3, via DXLD)

17685, April 1 at 0000, BBCWS `World Briefing`, poor with flutter as relay via THAILAND is starting; also scheduled now a further hour via SINGAPORE until 0200.

15470, April 1 at 1430, S. Asian language with BBC ID in passing; scheduled as 14-15 Hindi, 250 kW, 97 degrees from CYPRUS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. FINAL BBCWS AZERI, MANDARIN AND CARIBBEAN SERVICE AUDIO ONLINE

The final BBCWS broadcasts in English to the Caribbean, Azeri (translation coming soon), Mandarin (with translation into English)

have now been posted online. As previously reported this blog also includes audio of the final BBC WS broadcasts in Macedonian, Albanian, Spanish, Serbian and Portuguese, all apart from the Albanian broadcast have English translations. http://blog.stuart-pinfold.co.uk
(Mike Barraclough, UK, March 31, dxldyg via DXLD)

Thanks, Mike, All except Azeri now have full translations. Azeri will be online soon. Comments welcome!
http://blog.stuart-pinfold.co.uk/
(Stuart Pinfold, April 3, ibid.)

BBC Ukrainian has revised the date of its final radio broadcast. From now it is April 29 (Aleksandr Diadischev, Russia, April 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. There was a recent question about the BBC's remaining DRM transmissions towards Europe. This below (extracted from the HFCC) appears to be the current schedule. I have heard DRM on both 5875 and 7430, but have not checked 3955 as yet.

Does D. Welle not participate any longer? I wonder how much this service is costing the British licence-fee payer - I can think of better things that the money could be spent on.

3955 0400 0600 27S,28W,37N SKN   100 121 0 100 1234567 270311 301011 N 3975 English   G   BBC BAB
5875 0600 0800 27S,28W,37N WOF 100 114 0 551 1234567 270311 301011 N 5992 English   G   BBC BAB 3343
7430 0600 0700 27S,28W,37N MOS   40 300 0 800 1234567 270311 301011 N 13847 English   AUT BBC BAB 15147
(Noel R. Green (NW England), April 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In the current DRM schedule at
http://baseportal.com/baseportal/drmdx/main
we see some BBC_DW entries, none with only 'DW'. 73, (Erik K˜ie, Denmark, ibid.)

Thanks for that, Eric - but the BBC-DW entries only seem to be for Asia, and the 0400-0800 UT service is listed as BBC-WS. There's another outlet that I had missed, viz.:
11925 0700 0800 27S,28W,37N SIN 90 40 0 217 1234567 270311 301011 N 9000 English POR BBC BAB 3683 and it's now added to the list below. So four sites are in use, but not the Kvitsoy one any longer. 73 (Noel R. Green, ibid.)

http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,7057355,00.pdf
(Alokesh Gupta, India, ibid.) Viz.:

DRM for Asia DW-RADIO --- BBC / DW Subject to change. 14. Mrz. 11
[dates are for entire A11 thruout, 27.03 - 29.10.11, all daily]

Time/UTC	Broadcaster	Frequency	Transmitting Station	Target Area
0500 - 0600	DW	17780 kHz	TRINCOMALE	Far East
1400 - 1500	BBC	05845 kHz	NAKON SAWA	South Asia
	BBC	15640 kHz	TRINCOMALE	South Asia
1500 - 1600	BBC	05845 kHz	NAKON SAWA	South Asia
	BBC	15640 kHz	TRINCOMALE	South Asia
1600 - 1700	DW	05845 kHz	NAKON SAWA	South Asia
	DW	15640 kHz	TRINCOMALE	South Asia
1700 - 1759	DW	05845 kHz	NAKON SAWA	South Asia
- 1800	DW	15640 kHz	TRINCOMALE	South Asia

For further information please turn directly to:
DEUTSCHE WELLE
Customer Service
53110 Bonn
Germany
Tel.: +49.228.429-4000 Fax: +49.228.429-154000
e-mail: info@dw-world.de (via DXLD)

Thank You, Alokesh. Europe seems to have lost their interest!
73, (Erik K˜ie, ibid.

** U K. NOTICIARIO DX ABRIL 2011 (DESDE MI PUNTO DE VISTA)

REINO UNIDO: Posiblemente uno de los grandes nombres que representaban a la Gran BretaÒa en el mundo: el prestigioso servicio de la BBC, recibiÛ uno de los golpes m·s nefastos de su historia, a todo lo que venÌa aconteciendo se le unieron el cierre en cadena decretado a finales de marzo para los servicios azerbaijano, chino-mandarÌn, indonesio, kirguiz, nepalÌ, ruso, swahili, ucraniano y vietnamita.

Aunque claro, resulta esclarecedor saber que los intereses que han acorralado a la BBC eran esp˙reos y que el acoso se iniciÛ hace bastante tiempo, especialmente de manos de algunos polÌticos espaÒoles [alg˙n dÌa supongo que aparecer·n las actas por alg˙n sitio] que nada m·s llegar al poder hicieron lo imposible por cerrar determinadas emisiones, la BBC por su bien ganado prestigio e imparcialidad, fue la primera pieza a batir, le siguieron Argel, ParÌs, y un etcÈtera inmenso en unos momentos en que era posible desmontarlo.

Si analizamos frÌamente tendremos ahÌ, en esas actuaciones, muchos de los terribles momentos que nos est·n tocando vivir. DecÌan que, la democracia, ya no necesitaba prensa independiente [porque Èramos libres] y, al final, pr·cticamente todos los medios espaÒoles est·n domesticados y, asÌ nos va. Lo peor es que servicios de gran prestigio

creyeron en la sinceridad de las apreciaciones y se dedicaron a desmontar las emisoras a una velocidad de vÈrtigo. De las otrora prestigiosas estaciones internacionales pr·cticamente no tenemos nada [hablamos del mundo occidental y como emisoras de referencia, alguna como RADIO EXTERIOR DE ESPA—A pr·cticamente no cuenta en este comentario porque realmente est· fuera de contexto].

IncreÌble, pero cierto: una empresa que tenÌa un prestigio planetario y generaba ingresos multimillonarios, de golpe y porrazo se ve saqueada por los energ˙menos que gobiernan el viejo continente. Seguramente creen que las nuevas tecnologÌas son la panacea, sin duda lo tienen claro porque lo que quieren es controlar hasta al insecto m·s insignificante. La radio de onda corta, libre y voladora, no permite saber quiÈn escucha, quÈ escucha y dÛnde lo escucha, adem·s no cuesta, pr·cticamente dinero - si comparamos con las nuevas tecnologÌas.

øAcaso las multinacionales de la comunicaciÛn son las que han sobornado a los prebostes polÌticos de medio mundo para ìdesamortizarî por la cara -los gastos de los gobiernos vemos que crecen de manera exponencial con referencia a los supuestos gastos que quieren eliminar- equipos valiosos y eficaces en pro del ìGran Hermanoî que controla todos los movimientos nada m·s cliquear en una pantalla cualquier cosa. øPara eso tanto invento? ºSÛlo para jodernos en lo m·s profundo! (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, Spain, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. VIDEO: BBC WORLD SERVICEíS LAST MANDARIN TRANSMISSION

The government argument for ending the service, which began transmission in 1941, is that Mandarin broadcasts are no longer cost-effective

Due to the jamming of short wave radio signals by the Chinese authorities over decades, BBC Chineseís radio programming in Mandarin struggles to make a lasting impact and reaches a very small audience [595,000] given the size of the target population. Given the financial pressures, the service will refocus away from radio to concentrate on its online provision, which ñ while still subject to control and censorship ñ has greater future potential for growth.

With rapid technological changes happening in China (the biggest broadband and mobile market in the world), the BBC will strengthen its online offer; continue to explore opportunities on new platforms such as mobile phones; and invest in new technologies to facilitate content delivery to its target audience in mainland China and to Chinese communities abroad. BBC World News, the BBCís international English language news and information television channel, is available in China, generally without restriction, and is estimated to have a

bigger audience than the Mandarin radio service.

But Peter Pomerantsev, whose father worked for the Russian Service, argues in Newsweek that the cuts are short sighted, and describes the impact of the World Service in the former U.S.S.R.:

It was my grandfatherís secret life and hidden ritual, but one that he shared with millions across the globe. Throughout the 1970s, in his tiny Kiev apartment, my grandfather would wait until his extended family was asleep, tiptoe to the kitchen, quietly switch on the transistor Spidola radio, and gently push the dial to shortwave.

He wiggled and waved the antenna to dispel the fog of jamming, climbed on chairs and tables to get the best reception, steered the dial in between transmissions of East German pop and Soviet military bands, pressed his ear tight to the speaker, and, through the hiss and crackle, made his way to these magical words: ìThis is the Russian Service of the BBC. The time in London is 10 oíclock.î Ö

On March 22, many of the BBC Radio Foreign Language Services were silenced as part of the British governmentís budget cuts. No longer will the BBC talk on the airwaves in Russian, Hindi, Mandarin, Turkish, Vietnamese, Azeri, Ukrainian, Albanian, Cuban-Spanish, Portuguese-African, Serbian, Albanian, or Macedonian.

The station will have 30 million fewer listeners a week. There will be some websites and podcasts in the dropped languages, but these will be of limited relevance. Even in a fairly developed country like Russia, only 20 percent of the population has access to Internet connections fast enough to listen to audio podcasts Ö.

Now that ìLondon timeî has been silenced, it is the audience who will suffer least. They can tune in to a host of new radio shows and other media developed by the dictatorships. And though Congress is threatening budget cuts, thereís still the American Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty --- in lieu of London, one can keep ìWashington time.î No, the loss of the World Service is all Britainís. In the place on the dial where my grandfather used to hear the words ìThe time in London is Ö î there is only a hoarse hiss and crackle. We are losing our voice. Are we to become historyís mutes?

BBC broadcast from Bush House
SOURCE: Video: BBC World Serviceís Last Mandarin Transmission
http://bit.ly/g667hU
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Now available online: VOA transmission schedule
Posted: 03 Apr 2011

Back (by popular demand) at the VOA website is VOA Broadcast Frequency Schedules.
http://www.voanews.com/english/programs/frequencies/

To navigate to it from the http://www.voanews.com home page, click on Programs at the top, then cursor down the left column to Frequencies. The schedule shows transmissions by IBB owned or leased shortwave and medium wave transmitters, but not those through local affiliates. I hope it is frequently updated (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 7575, April 2 at 1257, VOA concluding `Press Conference USA`, so must now be scheduled Saturdays 1230 on this and other frequencies, 7575 being 18 degrees USward from Udorn, THAILAND.

9355, April 2 at 1258, good signal with VOA YDD sign-on; 1300 fragments of a couple different feeds, then ``Voice of America in Cantonese``, a minority language not worth jamming by the ChiCom, unlike Uzbek, Tibetan, etc. This is 349 degrees from Tinang, PHILIPPINES at 13-15.

12150, Saturday April 2 at 1351, VOA `Jazz America` vs CODAR // weaker 9510 and even weaker 7575. It`s Saturdays and Sundays 13-14, 12150 being 349 degrees via Tinang, PHILIPPINES.

15115, April 2 at 1357, Chinese // 9845 and echoing, vs something else in Chinese, i.e. VOA at 13-14, 250 kW, 18 degrees from THAILAND. Only Asian signals making it thru on 19m, attesting to the power of ChiCom jamming. See also BURMA [non]

9510, April 3 at 1250, VOA English, discussion about what`s next for Syria, outroed as `Encounter` with expert from the University of Oklahoma; *1254 another open carrier comes on, with ripple SAH depressing but not inaudiblizing modulation from first transmitter. 1300 recheck only one signal is there, VOA news in English. Per HFCC, here`s what`s happening:

Daily at 12-13 is 250 kW, 283 degrees from Tinang, PHILIPPINES, (PHT). Sat/Sun at 13-14 is 50 kW, 285 degrees from Tinang (PHX). The extra hour is for `Jazz America` which followed // 12150, 7575. So there was an overlap of about 5 minutes, during which I was not monitoring to determine if any modulation also self-clashed.

17560 at 1930 April 4, VOA French collides with itself as site-switch overlaps, now also blocked by CUBA: q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of America in Farsi, retimed:

0230-0330 on 5970 BIB 100 kW / 088 deg, ex 0130-0230 on same
0230-0330 NF 6095 WER 250 kW / 105 deg, ex 0130-0230 on 6105
0230-0330 on 7345 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg, ex 0130-0230 on same

Radio Liberty in Russian, effective from April 7:
0300-0400 NF 9845 BIB 100 kW / 063 deg, ex 9740
1700-1800*NF 12080 LAM 100 kW / 075 deg, ex 11985 to avoid VOR in English * "Caucasus Echo" (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. 15470, where R. Sawa had a good signal on March 30 and 31 until 1330* sign-off as VOA, gone again April 1, not even a carrier detectable at 1249, 1302 or 1323. I now know that this was via Greenville; no wonder, a good signal, but in use only two days!

Another R. Sawa schedule, probably outdated quickly if not already, as IBB apparently struggles to get this emergency SW service going:
0800-1000 11725 Lampertheim
0800-1100 17880 Kuwait
0800-1330 15775 Lampertheim
1000-1200 11680 Lampertheim
1100-1330 17840 Kuwait
1200-1330 11890 Lampertheim and 13625 S„o TomÈ.
BTW, Lampertheim does not really have a suitable antenna for Libya or the Arab world (Glenn Hauser, OK, April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Sawa on SW before and now

Voice of America in Arabic "Radio Sawa" on March 27, 28, 29 only:
0800-1200 on 13845 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg
1000-1330 on 15470 GB 250 kW / 085 deg ***
1200-1300 on 13710 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg
1200-1300 on 17600 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg
1200-1330 on 13625 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg
1200-1400 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1300-1400 on 13730 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg
1300-1400 on 17485 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg
1400-1530 on 17525 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg
1400-1700 on 15785 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1500-1600 on 11820 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1700-1900 on 11510 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
unfortunately, already past

[***as I already reported, 15470 GB was really heard on March 30 and 31 only! --- gh]

Voice of America in Arabic "Radio Sawa" from March 30, 2011
0800-1000 on 11725 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
0800-1000 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg

0800-1000 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1000-1100 on 11680 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1000-1100 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1000-1100 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1100-1200 on 11680 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1100-1200 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1100-1200 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1200-1330 on 11890 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1200-1330 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1200-1330 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here observations in BUL of VOA's Radio Sawa in Arabic on SW to LBY/TUN/EGY
0800-1000 on 11725 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
0800-1000 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
0800-1000 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg SINPO 35453
1000-1100 on 11680 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
1000-1100 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
1000-1100 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg SINPO 35543
1100-1200 on 11680 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
1100-1200 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
1100-1200 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg SINPO 35543
1200-1330 on 11890 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
1200-1330 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SINPO 55555
1200-1330 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg SINPO 45554
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria 1316 UT April 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOA's "Radio Sawa" in Arabic on SW to LBY, TUN, EGY:
0800-1330 on 15775 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
0800-1000 on 11725 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1000-1200 on 11680 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1200-1330 on 11890 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
0800-1100 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1100-1330 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

** U S A. THEY HELP MOVE TIME THROUGH THE AIR
Radio World March 30, 2011

The folks who run station WWVB had hoped to build another time signal station on the East Coast. That didn't pan out and now they're looking for other ways to improve their service. Station manager John Lowe updates Radio World readers...
There is a fascinating and detailed article here
http://www.rwonline.com/article/116646
(Via Mike Terry, March 31, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1557 monitoring: confirmed on WWRB, excellent signal on 2390, UT Friday April 1 at 0330, checked at 0358 before ending and this week also // weaker 5050, unlike last week. So it may or may not be on both. Presumably, further than a megameter from Manchester, 5050 achieves a better signal.

On WRMI 9955 the first airing of #1557 this week could not be until Friday 1430, confirmed at 1438 with fair signal, no jamming. Next chances are Sat 0800, 1400, 1730; Sun 0800, 1530, 1730.

On WWCR, confirmed Friday April 1 at 2030 back on summer frequency 15825, which without any sporadic E enhancement is very poor here, but we hope now gets better into Eurafrica and even western North America beyond the skipzone. Next airings are Saturday 1600 on 12160, Sunday 0630 on 3215.

On IPAR/NEXUS/IBA/IRRS, new WORLD OF RADIO time and frequency should be Saturday 1800 on 7290, presumably still via SLOVAKIA. HFCC A-11 shows nothing on 7295 during this hour, but 7285 with VOR, 250 kW, 280 degrees from Samara, so how is reception now in Europe on 7290? Official targets of IRRS are CIRAF zones 18-20, 27-30, 37-39, i.e. all of Europe including western Russia, the north African tier, and ME from Turkey thru Arabia.

WORLD OF RADIO 1557 monitoring: Sat 1400 broadcast on WRMI 9955 barely audible but not jammed; BFO helped and I notice that WRMI carrier is also slightly unstable, compared to several other signals in the area. Next airings are Sat 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730.

On WWCR, confirmed Sat 1600 on 12160; final repeat to be Sun 0630 on 3215.

IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS-IBA confirms WOR time is now Sat 1800 UT on 7290, also 1368, 1566 MW in Italy, and: ``You are also getting unscheduled repeats during streaming only time and on AM/Medium Wave daily from 19:04 CET to 01:00 CET [1704-2300 UT], both in Rome and N Italy.``

IRRS and I would of course like to know how well we are being received around Europe on 7290 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Some of the Ways You Can Hear WRMI's Live Audio Stream via Internet
http://www.wrmi.net ñ Click on ìListen Liveî
http://www.shoutcast.com/Internet-Radio/wrmi
http://www.radiotime.com/station/s_50329/Radio_Miami_International.aspx
http://www.radio.pervii.com/en/Wave/1118.htm
http://www.radiotuna.com/s/77190
http://www.streema.com/radios/Radio_Miami_International_WRMI

(WRMI News, April via DXLD)

** U S A. 9955, surprised to hear the WWCR guys, Jerry and Brady on WRMI frequency, and with lite jamming which WWCR never gets, April 5 at 0520, discussing the NASB Survey, which is about to close. This must have been during `Viva Miami` as scheduled 0515 UT Tuesdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 9330-CUSB, April 3 at 0603, gospel rock with good signal. Must be WBCQ with prolonged Radio 2:11 broadcast. Current (?) schedule at http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=9330 shows nothing but Good Friends Radio Network, 1300-0400 daily. Also at 0507 April 4 with praise music.

Compared to CHU 3330, WBCQ is slightly on the low side of 9330 --- but is CHU`s frequency really ``standard``, i.e. extremely accurate like its time? WBCQ is normally a bit off.

9330-CUSB, WBCQ again on later than scheduled with Radio 2:11, April 5 at 0524 with prayer requests to 877-942-4253. Who needs intercession by strangers?? If I want to contact God, I`ll do it myself. But then He is apparently subject to democratic influence, toting up the votes. Of course certain strangers believe they are more ept at getting thru, which is anti-democratic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9825, UT Sunday April 3 at 0413, Chris, Lobdell`s ``Pirating with Cumbre`` segment amid `DXing with Cumbre`, VG signal. Tnx to Wolfgang B¸schel tip the week before when B-10 might still have been in effect, so was not sure it would still be there this week. Is on current online WHR schedule for 0400 Sundays on 9825, so in this case the SW frequency listed is really on the air!

This has been duly entered on the A-11 update of our DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAM schedule, along with one other DWC SW airing which needs to be reconfirmed, Sun 0730 on 11565:
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WINB missing from both known frequencies, 13570 and 9265, April 1 at 1435; no fooling. So now 13570 no longer QRMs CODAR. 9265 is on at next check 2240.

WINB has been missing a lot of airtime lately, and it`s not just because 13570 doesn`t usually propagate overnight. No sign of that April 3 at 0607 while Zambia and Australia were good on 13590, 13630, 13690.

But also at 1403 April 4, not on 9265, nor 13570, clear of QRM to

CODAR, while at 1405, ``running water`` appeared briefly centered on 13571.5, also free of WINB QRM. Still nothing from it at 1426 check. I wonder if such utilities have objected to WINB being on 13570? Website sked as of March 13 still claims it is 24 hours, either on 13570 or 9265, except for one-minute QSY breaks:
http://www.winb.com/schedule.htm

Both still absent at 1724 check April 4. Breakdown, or did program contracts run out and it no longer pays to run the wobbly old transmitter 24/7?

13570, WINB is back on April 4 at 1934 with YL gospel huxter, wobble. Also April 5 at 1254 with OM gospel huxter, constantly wobbling carrier; but at next check 1359, it`s gone. Apparently the 24/7 schedule has been curtailed, so on and off and on and off, rather than breakdown (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9479, WTWW, April 1 at 1355 tuneby, Pastor Pete Peters music and talk modulation cutting off and on a few times per second, totally unlistenable, and the bits of mod heard were also distorted. Had recovered by next check 1442, not cutting out but still rough-sounding.

5755, WTWW, April 2 at 1241 discussing brass bracelets on collars for dogs to make them less nervous, then cut to dead air for about a minute. Scriptures for America Worldwide has never got its technical act together. Resumed, playing ``Turn Your Radio On`` and denouncing psychophysical effects of bad/loud music. And the very strong WTWW carrier remains wobbly, obvious with BFO switched on.

9479, WTWW, April 3 at 1317 speaker mentions matter-of-factly that radiation ``has a frequency`` which goes up to the ionosphere, but those who are baptized are protected when it comes back down, because that changes them physically. PPP/SFAW, always good for a guffaw! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11714.86, KJES Vado NM (presumed); 1412, 29-Mar; M & YL in English with Bible readings. SIO=543+ w/muted audio sounding as if covered by stronger OC. (Frodge-MI)

15385.27, KJES Vado NM; 1958-2000*, 29-Mar; Children's chorus hymn in Spanish; VYL with Spanish ID including call/QTH/address. Off right at ToH shy 1 second. SIO=444- with chatter QRM. When it's noon in Enid on May 21st, will the robo-kids be raptured? (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by ear, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Family Radio: World to end May 21 --- The Family Radio

website currently has a quote from Ezekiel 33:3 "Blow the trumpet --- warn the people" Judgement Day May 21 2011 The Bible Guarantees It!

They have a Frequently Asked Question section about the end of the world which starts:

At this time in history there is no valid biblical evidence or authority which indicates that we cannot know the precise day of judgement. The great amount of biblical signs and proofs absolutely guarantee that judgement day will begin on May 21 this year.

It states that:

Jesus warned of several spiritual signs, such as the complete degradation of the Christian church, the devastating moral breakdown of society, the re-establishment of National Israel in 1948, the emergence of the 'Gay Pride Movement', and the complete disregard of the Bible in all of society today as direct evidence of His return.

On May 21, 2011 two events will occur. These events could not be more opposite in nature, the one more wonderful than can be imagined; the other more horrific than can be imagined.

A great earthquake will occur the Bible describes it as ".such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." This earthquake will be so powerful it will throw open all graves. The remains of the all the believers who have ever lived will be instantly transformed into glorified spiritual bodies to be forever with God.

On the other hand the bodies of all unsaved people will be thrown out upon the ground to be shamed. The inhabitants who survive this terrible earthquake will exist in a world of horror and chaos beyond description. Each day people will die until October 21, 2011 when God will completely destroy this earth and its surviving inhabitants.

The Times covered this impending doom in an article January 8 entitled "The world will end in May but don't tell anybody in the office."

Family Radio's ministry organisation is called We Can Know and are advertising this information on billboards in ten cities. A team of missionaries, driving liveried camper vans, was working its way up the East Coast, another team had just landed in Ireland, another was in Africa.

Family Radio is currently broadcasting in 61 languages. The man behind the message is Harold Campling [sic], 89, of San Francisco, a former civil engineer who sold his business at the age of 35 intending to go

back to college. He then decided to make the Bible his university.

As an engineer he was particularly interested in the numbers. "I was able to work out that creation occurred in 11031 BC" he said. In 1992 he went public with his conclusion that the world would end between September 15 and 27 1994. He endured a lot of criticism when the world did not end.

"Boy did they latch on to that 94 thing!" he said. He revised his calculations. He and his followers will try and carry on as normal until the last but many are already facing practical difficulties.

Allison Warden had her Subaru repainted with bold lettering reminding people to "Save The Date" but she feels that she cannot discuss her beliefs at work. The idea that the world is going to end is "not really in the best interests of the company" she said.

Jim Goark, 64, an estate agent from San Diego, visited a couple who want to move to a larger house. This process could take all year to complete. He felt that he needed to tell them that human history was going to end in May. "I'm going to have to tell them," he said. "But all the kids were running around, the in-laws were over, it wasn't appropriate. This is going to come up more and more." (via Mike Barraclough, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. WYFR Family Radio via BAB in new language - Sinhala: 1500-1600 on 12035 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs, ex English (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD) See also BRAZIL: 15190

** U S A [non]. CVC La Voz, A-11, out of Miami:

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 9635 1100 2200 14,16  SGO 100 30  270311 020411 Spa CHL
 9635 1200 2200 14,16  SGO 100 30  030411 081011 Spa CHL
 9635 1100 2200 14,16  SGO 100 30  091011 301011 Spa CHL

 9780 2200 0100 14,16  SGO 100 30  270311 020411 Spa CHL
 9780 2200 0200 14,16  SGO 100 30  030411 081011 Spa CHL
 9780 2200 0100 14,16  SGO 100 30  091011 301011 Spa CHL

11665 2300 0100 11,12, SGO 100 0   270311 020411 Spa CHL
11665 2300 0200 11,12, SGO 100 0   030411 081011 Spa CHL
11665 2300 0100 11,12, SGO 100 0   091011 301011 Spa CHL

17640 1800 2000 13,15N SGO  15 45  270311 301011 Spa CHL [DRM!!]

17680 1100 2300 11,12, SGO 100 0   270311 020411 Spa CHL
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(via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

** U S A. 14275, 1257 April 5, AM broadcast mentioning tsunami and Japan emergency, calling for traffic re; distorted modulation, 1258 ID as International Amateur Radio Network, so FCC has still not managed to close down Glenn Baxter`s K1MAN in Maine despite numerous violations and litigation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KJCB-AM faces challenges [Lafayette LA]
Written by Connie Lewis April 1, 2011
http://www.theadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011104010340

Local radio station KJCB, AM-770, which has been off the air since March 24, had its broadcasting license canceled April 29, 2010, according to a representative of the Federal Communications Commission.

In a March 29 letter referring to the pending application of R&M Broadcasting Co., which owns the station, the FCC stated: "We cannot process the application and have been holding it since June 4, 2010, pursuant to the Commission's 'red light' rules, which prohibit the staff from granting an application when an applicant is delinquent on debts owed to the commission.

"We believe that it is not in the public interest to retain unprocessable applications for extended periods of time, particularly when the extended delay is the result of the inaction of an applicant to correct a debt delinquency.

"Accordingly, we are providing R&M Broadcasting a period of 30 days from the date of this letter to pay or arrange for payment of the delinquent debt with the Commissioner's Office of Managing Director."

The letter is available through the FCC's website. A representative of the agency said that when matters of this nature aren't resolved, the FCC usually auctions off a station's frequency.

KJCB's manager, Jenelle Chargois, declined to comment. She referred questions to R&M Broadcasting head Roy Winbush, a bishop with the Gethsemane Church of God In Christ on East Pinhook Road. The station's offices are on St. John Street.

Winbush could not be reached for comment. A receptionist who answered the phone at the church said he was out of town attending a conference and would not be back in his office until Monday.

On Wednesday, owners of 28 acres off Parklane Road in Carencro, where KJCB has its broadcast towers, served the station with a notice to vacate.

Chargois and Winbush were listed individually as recipients. The notice stipulates the station has 10 days to vacate because it doesn't have a legal "right to occupancy," nor does it have a lease with "any present owners." Failure to vacate would result in a petition for eviction being filed, it said.

On Tuesday, when Winbush was interviewed about the station going dark, he said it was because of technical problems, including a studio transmitter link. He also said he didn't know how long it would take to fix the problems or what it would cost.

He said he acquired the station about 10 years ago through a bankruptcy proceeding, but he declined to cite what he paid. KJCB's format includes religious programming, talk and music (The Advertiser, via Alton Peltier, DXLD)

KJCB 770 Sign Off --- Posted: Mar 31, 2011 7:14 PM by Julian Johnson
http://www.katc.com/news/lafayette-radio-station-kjcb-has-been-off-air-for-a-week/

The radio station, KJCB, has been off the air since last week, and it could be even longer if they don't find a new transmitter to broadcast from. Property owners, where their current transmitter is located, served the station with a notice to vacate form. The notice states that KJCB has no legal rights to occupy the property. It also says the station has ten days to turn over the property, or they could face eviction.

Now the station is also having issues with their licensing. According to the FCC's website, the station does not currently possess a valid license to operate. In a letter from the FCC to station owners, the FCC says they cannot process their application, and have been holding it since last year.

We spoke with station owners over the phone and they said they are working to fix these issues and get back on the air next week (via Kevin Redding, April 3, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 1660 KUDL ex KXTR Kansas City --- Can anyone tell me if they have dropped classical and if so what's the new format? Best wishes (Barry :-) Davies, UK, April 3, ABDX via DXLD)

If they changed it must have been in the last week or so because I have recently heard classical on 1660 (Kevin Redding, Adamsville, TN, ibid.)

I`m about 150 miles away from KXTR, and I?m hearing classical (Tim Kridel, April 3, ibid.)

KUDL, KS, Kansas City, 04/02 2325 [``ELT`` = UT -4] fair signals fading in and out with classical music. Now using these callsigns. NEW! (SA-MB) COMMENTS Yes the season is still not over and another new one to prove it. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg MB, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, ODXA yg via DXLD)

1660: KUDL is/was the 98.1 FM call upon which KXTR AM 1660 classical format from Kansas City was/is also carried on an IBOC channel, so I would not be suprised if a KUDL(HD) ID also appeared on 1660: has it really changed? Yes, says FCC AM Query, 1660 is KUDL: http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=87143

So what is the call on 98.1 now? KUDL-FM, KXTR, or something new? No, it is still KUDL too! Says FCC FM Query, not at least KUDL-FM: http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/fmq?list=0&facid=2449
(Glenn Hauser, OK, ODXA yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KANSAS CITYíS KUDL-FM WILL BEGIN SIMULCASTING KMBZ-AM [980]: http://bottomlinecom.com/kcnews/bigchangesatkudl.html
(via Tim Kridel, March 24, ABDX via DXLD)

That story said KUDL 98.1 would become KMBZ-FM as of March 30, but the legal calls haven`t changed yet, or the FCC does not yet report it. But why should that have any effect on KXTR 1660? Apparently Entercom want to `park` the KUDL call somewhere they own, and consider it more valuable than KXTR which is now up for grabs, having that unfortunate upscale connotation, unfound for any FM or AM station at FCC search.

I should add that KXTR classical was the original occupant of 98.1 (I think, or some equally powerful FM frequency), then was demoted to X-band, classical music lovers in KC area supposed to be grateful it was not totally abolished. Since then, 1660 has been a dumping ground for other programming as well, such as non-major league baseball games pre-empting classical at a hatdrop (Glenn Hauser, April 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Update on KUAR, KTXK Damages --- Via KATV, AP a brief piece about possible link between damages to KUAR 89.1 Little Rock and KTXK 91.5 Texarkana
http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14379966
(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

DAMAGE KNOCKS NPR STATIONS IN ARK., TEXAS OFF AIR
Associated Press - April 4, 2011 7:04 PM ET

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Authorities are investigating separate

incidents that silenced National Public Radio affiliates in Arkansas and Texas.

Engineers at KTXK in Texarkana, Texas, found holes in a transmission cable Friday. A fire damaged KUAR's transmitter at Little Rock, Arkansas, the next day. Police say someone had changed the Little Rock station's lock, and investigators told the station Monday the fire was deliberately set.

Both stations were broadcasting online Monday and the Little Rock station was also transmitting over the air at reduced power.

Arkansas State Police spokesman Bill Sadler says local agencies will investigate the cases separately unless they receive evidence that connects them.

Republicans in the U.S. House last month pushed an effort to end federal funding to NPR amid ongoing budget talks. Democratic opponents called the move an ideological attack (via DXLD)

** U S A. Interesting article in the NY Times about a smaller, community-oriented NPR affiliate the New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut borders.
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/04/nyregion/04towns.html?src=recg
The station also is streamed online: http://robinhoodradio.com/
(John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, April 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

WHDD Radio, in Sharon, Connecticut, is an NPR Minnow
From an NPR Minnow, Lessons for Whales
By PETER APPLEBOME Published: April 3, 2011

Marshall Miles and Jill Goodman are the co-founders of WHDD, a National Public Radio affiliate that has won a following with a local, populist flavor. [caption]

ìIf you were going to be a tractor, Dave, what tractor would you be?î was the question one morning last week for Dave Tetor, WHDDís veteran agriculture reporter, who has been on local radio through five different station owners for 23 years. . .
(via gh, DXLD) WTFK? Its website says AM 1020, FM 91.9, and now in the Berkshires via WBSL on 91.7! (gh)

Robin Hood Radio. A great name for a public radio station. Taking from the rich donors to give to the poor folks who cannot afford to donate (Joe Buch, internetradio via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. 13765, April 6 at 0515, station in English about

Africa, a Vatican frequency, but not // 7250 also in English which is a separate VR service for Europe. 13765 is 250 kW, 295 degrees via MADAGASCAR. Altho 19m was totally dead at this time, not even Nigeria 15120, 22m was full of signals from Eurafrica as well as Pacificasia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MEXICO

** VIETNAM. 6019.93, VOV-4, Buon Me Thuot, 2153-2236, April 2, tune - in to usual distinctive s/on procedure already in progress. Into listed ethnic languages but accompanying het made for difficult copy as I could not effectively separate this from presumed R Ga˙cha which was noted earlier in the clear from 2100 on 6020.02. VOV frequency measured to the best of my ability, in DXLD 11-13 Ron Howard reports this on slightly lower 6019.88.

6019.92, VOV-4, Buon Me Thuot, 2249-2310, April 4, minority language service, definitely more prominent today than when I previously reported this. Remains off frequency, het continues. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands. Dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. TWO VIETNAMESE TO STAND TRIAL FOR BROADCASTS INTO CHINA Vietnam bends to Chinese regimeís pressure over Falun Gong --- By Stephen Gregory Epoch Times Staff Created: Last Updated: Apr 5, 2011

Photo of Vu Duc Trung. (Courtesy of Vu Duc Trung)

On Friday two Vietnamese men go on trial in Hanoi because the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) objected to short wave radio broadcasts they were beaming into China. Vietnamese Falun Gong practitioners see these arrests as the most dramatic instance of a campaign inspired by the CCP to suppress Falun Gong in Vietnam.

The men, both of whom practice Falun Gong, used their broadcasts to inform the Chinese people of the twelve-year-long persecution of the spiritual practice.

The Epoch Times obtained a copy of the indictment against them. It makes clear that the Vietnamese government arrested the men in response to pressure from Beijing, applied through a March 5, 2010, diplomatic memo sent by the Chinese Embassy to the Vietnam Ministry of Public Security.

ìThe memo stated that the Police Department in China discovered radio signals coming from the Vietnamese territory containing the same content about Falun Gong as heard on the ëSound of Hopeí radio station,î the indictment read. ìIt was recommended that all illegal activities of Falun Gong individuals in the Vietnam territory must be charged and stopped.î

Vu~ ?u+'c Trung is the CEO of a high-tech company headquartered in Hanoi and a Falun Gong practitioner. According to the indictment, in April 2009 Trung installed short wave radios in the home of his brother-in-law, Le Van Thanh, and his father-in-law, Le Van Manh. The short-wave radios were then used to broadcast into China. . . [much more]
http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/54162/
(via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

So this claims that some of the SOH SW broadcasts were coming from Vietnam; ``installed in the home``, some of those estimated 100-watt nuisance units? WTFK?? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6297.2, Radio Nacional de la RASD, 0735 Strong with traditional acoustic guitar music, ID 0745, mentioned Mauritanie. (4 April) (Steve George, Massachusetts USA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA [and non]. Russia, 5915, Deutsche Welle relay. Arman. 2011/03/31 thu *1730-1755 Farsi? ID "Deutsche Welle" at 1735. Poor. (No sign of ZNBC on 5915 during this period 2011/03/31; maybe it`s a propagation thing. Back to normal on 2011/04/01).

5915, ZNBC1, Lusaka: 2011/03/27 sun 1852-1858 Talk. Fair. 2011/04/01 fri 1615-1915 Language? Afro music. ID "Radio One, Lusaka" at 1702 followed by talk till 1706, then music, lots more talk, ID at 1758, Airtel advert at 1759 sponsoring news in English at 1800 (news // 6165, Radio 2), ID "ZNBC Lusaka"" at 1806, news ends at 1812. To unreadable OM talking with overdone studio echo effect, then kids singing. Assorted talk, music and news items until sometime after 1915. Clear tonight, but could be an occasional clash with DW from Russia on the same frequency, 1730-1830. Fair.

2011/04/02 sat 0438-0515 Afro music. Airtel advert at 0459, sponsoring news in English (news // 6165 Radio 2). ID "ZNBC Lusaka" at 0506, another Airtel ad at 0512 end of news. To a group singing. Fair-poor.

6165, ZNBC2, Lusaka: 2011/03/27 sun 1852-1858 English. Dolly Parton record. Fair. 2011/03/31 thu 1725-1755 Dolly Parton record at 1748. ID "Radio 2" at 1750. Good (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, South Africa, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. CVC A-11: first, the 1Africa Service:
13590 0600 2000 46SE LUS 100 315 270311 301011 Eng ZMB
 9505 2000 2200 46SE LUS 100 315 270311 301011 Eng ZMB

 4965 1700 0500 52E,53 LUS 100 0 270311 301011 Mis ZMB

6065 0500 1700 52E,53 LUS 100 0 270311 301011 Eng ZMB
(via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD) See also INDIA [non]; USA [non]

[and non]. 13590, April 2 at 0603, CVC 1Africa with gospel rock in English, VG signal. In A-11 this is scheduled all the way from 06 to 20, 100 kW, 315 degrees toward W Africa and Michigan, colliding with China, then Russia at 10-15, and Germany 1530-18 certain days (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. MADAGASCAR, Summer A-11 schedule for Voice of People in En/Shona/Ndebele to Zimbabwe:
0400-0500 NF 9870 MDC 050 kW / 065 deg, ex 9875 eff. from April 1
1600-1630 on 9445 MDC 050 kW / 065 deg, strong co-ch RL in Uzbek
1800-1900 on 7330 MDC 050 kW / 065 deg, strong co-ch WYFR Romanian
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 4 April via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1332, ASIA. 1120 UT April 3, 2011. No audio, but a big carrier smack on 1320. Lots of Asians here, with China at 100 kW probably the biggest source if not an aggregate of several (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. There was an audible heterodyne to RNW 5955 today (the 4th) at around 0645. I couldn't detect any audio, but could it be Rep˙blica still on air at this hour? Not noted previously (Noel R. Green (NW England), April 4, dxdlyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Rep˙blica has been running all-night for some months now on 5954.2+, and consequently DentroCuban Jamming Command (Glenn, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 9265 ?? 2114 30.3, OM with a rhythmical style language, seems as English and Italian. There is a sample on mediafire below
http://www.mediafire.com/?13al8gecz18ej6f
(Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9265 is probably WINB, but surely not in Italian. [after listening to clip:] That is ``Global Spirit Proclamation`` the anapaestic androgynous preacher/ess from Fence Lake, New Mexico which we have commented upon numerous time in DXLD, carried on WINB, and also at times on WBCQ 15420-CUSB. All English with that peculiar cadence, not Italian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9947.5, strong AM carrier with continuous DSB tone of less than 1 kHz, April 1 at 1438 centered here, also making het

against weak 9950 carrier; plus noticed about an hour earlier. Fortunately this is far enough away not to bother 9955 WRMI; nor is it related to the previous WWV spur, but what is it?

9947.5, the continuous tone test first heard April 1 is also heard April 2 at 1305, mainly QRMing 9950 in Korean, i.e. Nippon no Kaze, 2 degrees from Taiwan.

9947.5, the continuous tone test heard the previous two mornings, gone again April 3 at 1302 check. Others have reported hearing it:

Ken W. English, Studio Engineer at KSL-TV, Salt Lake, says:
``Hi, I heard the tone/tones on 9947.5 all day on April 1, as well. It was very strong (at Midvale, Utah, using a 55-foot long-wire antenna), with very minor fading, all day, ending somewhere around sunset. At times, it almost seemed like there were slightly different frequency audio tones on the upper and lower AM sidebands. Like you said, that might have just been a beat with 9950.

I think I have heard some un-modulated carriers, and some with tone, on various frequencies lately. Iíve assumed they were U.S.-based religious broadcasters with automation problems, or something. What does it cost to run 100 kW for several hours ;) ? Maybe it was on this frequency.

Doing a Google search, I found a couple of references to this being a frequency for a "NOAA Emergency Communications Network". I have e-mailed the Public Information folks at NOAA, to see if they have an answer. Iíll let you know if I hear back.``

Bob LaRose, W6ACU, San Diego, CA, wrote at 1812 UT April 2:
``Hi Glen[n]! Also hearing the strong AM station with tone on 9947 kHz here in San Diego. Very strong and does not have normal fading characteristics (very slow fades and only a couple db) so speculate it is within ground wave range. First noticed all day yesterday (1st). Back again today. Navy test of some type?``

Searching DXLD, I found in 4-189 that WEWN was putting out spurs including 9947 in December, 2004, but those came from 9955, no longer in use (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still gone April 4+

UNIDENTIFIED. 13625, April 6 at 0518 open carrier between Dabanga 13620 and Australia 13630, and I think there was some modulation on it before 0515; nothing listed by HFCC or Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. QTH? 15745, FEBA, 0048-0055 M talk in Indian language (Hindi??) with many "Amen's". 0055 Indian choral music. 0057 M

announcer, then choral singing "Amen" and religious song. 0058 M again with mention of radio. W briefly, FEBA IS once and deadair, then off at 0100. No listing for FEBA here on their web site, but is listed in Hindi 0045-0100 on 7485. (3 April) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD) SLBC SRI LANKA starts 15745 at 0100; misfeed? (gh, DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Hi Glen[n], please accept the enclosed check as my small contribution to your efforts for World of Radio. I try to listen on Sunday mornings at 0630 via WWCR on 3215 kHz. When I miss it I listen via the podcast listed on your website, http://www.worldofradio.com

I too enjoy listening to international broadcasts on the SW bands. I use a Grundig satellite 800 Millennium with about 100 feet of wire threaded through the trees in my yard for an antenna.

I am also a ham radio operator and have capabilities for HF, VHF and UHF. The 10 meter band has opened up this spring and I have made numerous contacts in South America, Europe and even with Rarotonga in the South Cook Islands. I find all this fascinating.

Thank you for giving us World of Radio. I hope to hear you on the air for many years to come. 73 (Clifford Dunning, KB0YUV, Independence MO, WORLD OF RADIO 1559,)

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Aoki A-11

http://www.m2.mediacat.ne.jp/~binews/bia11.xlsx
73! (Aleksandr Diadischev, Russia, April 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

Waiting for the .txt version to appear, which I prefer. By now, should be at:
http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/bia11.txt

Look for link to it here: http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/

An updated but simplified version without all the details:
http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/userlist1.txt
(Glenn Hauser, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC LAUNCHES ONLINE ARCHIVE OF THE LISTENER MAGAZINE
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All 3197 issues of weekly title from 1929 to 1991 digitised, featuring writing from Virginia Woolf, Phillip Larkin and TS Eliot

http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/mar/31/bbc-online-archive-the-listener-magazine
(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

Press Release Book Announcement

RADIO SURVIVES AND THRIVES
THE HISTORY OF KENTUCKY BROADCASTING FROM 1945-1970 [sic]
By Kenneth D. MacHarg

Summary: When the ìPurple People Eaterî on Louisvilleís WAKY came roaring out of listenerís radios on July 7, 1958, radio in Kentucky, and for that matter across the nation, had changed forever. Radio Survives and Thrives is a new publication that describes the changes in Kentucky radio between the end of world war two and the early 1970s as well as the emergence of television in the Commonwealth during those years. Profiling entertainers and stations across the commonwealth, this 60-page publication will bring back many memories and help the reader understand how broadcasting developed and moved toward what it is today. Radio Survives and Thrives is available in print from www.amazon.com, and electronically for Kindle and Nook reading devices.

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When the ìPurple People Eaterî on Louisvilleís WAKY came roaring out of listenerís radios on July 7, 1958, radio in Kentucky, and for that matter across the nation, had changed forever.

Not that those changes should have been unexpected. Since early that decade radio had been faced with a life-threatening situation. The development of television combined with the decline in network radio put local stations into a crisis.

The end of World War II saw radio at its apex. Programming from network and local sources filled the airwaves, and local stations were springing up all across the landscape.

Radio Survives and Thrives is a new publication that describes the changes in radio between the end of world war two and the early 1970s as well as the emergence of television in the Commonwealth during those years.

Originally written as a major chapter for a book on the history of

radio in Kentucky, this essay was not used, though it was available to Francis Nash who penned the excellent book Towers over Kentucky: A history of radio and TV in the Bluegrass State that was published by Host Communications in cooperation with the Kentucky Broadcasters Association.

For those who want to explore this fascinating era of radio and television history statewide, writer Kenneth D. MacHarg has issued the material in this 60 page booklet available from the following sources:

¸ in published form at: https://www.createspace.com/3587779

¸ in electronic form through Kindle at:
http://www.amazon.com/Radio-Survives-and-Thrives-ebook/dp/B004U35ALM/ref=sr_1_6?ie=UTF8&m=AG56TWVU5XWC2&s=books&qid=1302019852&sr=8-6

¸ for a nook electronic reader at:
http://productsearch.barnesandnoble.com/search/results.aspx?store=EBOOK&WRD=kenneth+macharg&page=index&prod=univ&choice=ebooks&query=Kenneth+MacHarg&flag=False&pos=-1&box=Kenneth+MacHarg&box=kenneth%20macharg&pos=-1&ugrp=2

Reading through this publication, the reader will understand why the broadcast media changed during this period. Many radio and TV stations across the state are profiled along with an exploration of the types of programming offered and some of the individuals who helped to make it happen.

Listeners will be reminded of on-air personalities from across the state who became like personal friends or who went on to national stardom.

In addition, readers will find mention of not only the giant broadcasters in cities such as Louisville and Lexington, but those hometown stations that continued to serve their communities through news, sports broadcasts and entertainment including live, on-air performances by local musicians, country music performers and others. Stations from across the state, from Owensboro to Ashland, Pikeville to Paducah are featured.

Author Kenneth MacHarg writes: ìI trust you will enjoy this history of the exciting world of broadcasting in Kentucky between 1945 and 1970, its successes, its failures, its foibles, its service to the listeners of Kentucky. Perhaps it will bring back many memories to you or at least help you to understand how broadcasting developed and moved toward what it is today.î

For additional information on ordering Radio Survives and Thrives, The History of Kentucky Broadcasting from 1945-1970, use the links above

or search for the book at www.amazon.com.

for more information write to: riotoriogrande @ gmail.com
(Ken MacHarg, himself, April 5, DX LISTEENING DIGEST)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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INTERNATIONAL RADIO FESTIVAL

Listen to how the World Sounds
Papiersaal, Sihlcity, Z¸rich, Switzerland, 9-19th June 2011
http://www.internationalradiofestival.com

The International Radio Festival (IRF) returns for its second year from June 9th to 19th at the Papiersaal in Sihlcity, Zurich, Switzerland, bringing together 30 of the most ground breaking and forward-thinking radio stations from across all four continents to present more than 50 specially commissioned radio shows live on-air, plus a series of in-depth panel discussions featuring some of the world's most renowned radio faces. Each of the radio shows will be broadcast to a world-wide audience, giving listeners across the globe a rare opportunity to listen to how the world sounds.

As part of the programme for the festival the IRF is proud to announce that this year their guest country will be the United Kingdom (14th & 15th June), celebrating a rich and pioneering broadcasting history with particular emphasis on the UK`s long standing pirate radio tradition, which has been a breeding ground for some of the country's, and the world's, most innovative broadcasters.

Celebrating the UK, there will also be guest appearances from a host of radio luminaries and icons including Tony Prince, Tony Blackburn, Emperor Rosko, Ed Stewart, and Paul Burnett, as well as Karen Pearson's radio show "Selector" produced for the British Council and heard in over 35 countries across the globe. As if that were not already enough British radio culture, the infamous co-founder of KISS FM, Normski, will kick-off every day with his breakfast show at 8am CET, broadcasting "live" from the festivals hotel lobby, the Four Points by Sheraton.

Whether you want to hear the latest Hip Hop tunes straight out of New York City, chill out to easy listening sounds from Belgium, or prefer to hear the story of how UK pirate radio pioneers brought popular music to Europe in the sixties, the annual International Radio Festival is the place to be and an musical experience not to miss!

Further celebrating the world of international radio all radio

stations and programmes participating in this year's IRF are nominated for one of a number of International Radio Festival ON-AIR Awards, so stay tuned for more news.

The IRF offers a unique window into how the radio industry works across the globe, so don't miss the opportunity to tune-in, or better still, visit the festival studio, open every day from 5pm 'till late, between the 9th and 19th June in Zurich, and be part of music radio history.

The 2nd International Radio Festival takes place between the 9th and 19th June 2011 at the Papiersaal at Sihlcity, in Zurich, Switzerland.

The International Radio Festival - Listen to how the World Sounds
http://www.internationalradiofestival.com

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More details:

http://www.britcham.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=860:international-radio-festival-zurich&catid=47:member-news&Itemid=85

Spanning ten days during early June, the International Radio Festival brings together and celebrates over 30 ground breaking radio stations from around the world, presenting more than 50 unique music radio shows in their original mother tongues live on-air, and broadcasting such shows to a worldwide audience, allowing listeners and visitors alike the chance to "Listen to how the World Sounds".

Radio jockeys and stations confirmed so far for this year's IRF include Tony Prince, Emperor Rosko, Tony Blackburn, Ed Stewart, Paul Burnett, Superfly FM Vienna, Scanner FM Barcelona, Ibiza Rocks Radio, Urgent FM and Laid Back Radio from Belgium, Radio P3 Denmark, M2O Radio Italy, Dublab and KCRW from Los Angeles, UB Bangkok, amongst many others.

Whether you want to hear the latest Hip Hop tunes straight out of New York City, stay ahead of the curve on the world's leading club tunes from Ibiza, chill out to easy listening sounds from Belgium; or prefer to hear the story of how pirate radio brought popular music to Europe in the sixties, the annual International Radio Festival is the place to be and an musical experience not to miss!

All participating radio stations and programmes are nominated for the International Radio Festival ON-AIR Awards, which take place for the first time this year, so stay tuned for more news closer to the festival start.

Whatever you do, stay tuned, or better still, visit the festival "studios" between 9-19th June in Zurich, and be part of music radio history.

Full line-up details and programme coming soon.
http://www.internationalradiofestival.com/home

Facebook at
http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Radio-Festival-Zurich/143952588965495?sk=app_7146470109
(via Mike Terry, April 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hrmph --- I don`t see any mention of classical music, or shortwave except possibly in connexion with piracy (gh, DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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uV LAMP RADIO INTERFERENCE - A GOOD NEWS STORY

For years, my uV lamp water filteration system has caused alot of interference on the SW bands. Nothing I tried to cure or lessen the interference made a dent. The system is 10 years old.

I recently found out that the manufacturer has produced a new model power supply. I got one today and low and behold, the interference is gone on SW. There are still a couple of spots on LW but I will live with those. The thing leaves SW totally alone.

So if you have one of these things, check with your manufacturer. You might be a able to cure the problem. My old p/s had AC voltage sensing. This one is locked at 120V. I think that was part of the problem.

Not often we get a good news story re radio interference! a (Andy Reid, Ont., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) `uV` here = ultraviolet, not microvolt

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See AUSTRALIA; BELGIUM non; CUBA non;
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ GERMANY non; PORTUGAL; ROMANIA; RUSSIA;
UK and non; USA non CVC

PROPAGATION
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DXING LIGHTNING

It came as no surprise to hear some snap, crackle and pop on the AM dial when we experienced one of our first thunderstorms of the year on Sunday. It made me wonder, however. What if I'm listening to WWL (870AM) at night and New Orleans is experiencing a violent thunderstorm? Or if a thunderstorm is occurring somewhere between my location and New Orleans when I'm tuning in? Are those electrical disturbances audible in the signal I'm hearing even though I may be in the clear as far as weather is concerned? (Harry van Vugt, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, April 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lightning is a very powerful radio transmitter! It propagates just like man-made signals, or even more so. When you hear such static on any MW signal, it could be coming from anywhere, nearby if daytime, or far away if at night. Here is a good map of current lightning activity, even for non-golfers. At the moment, there is a long string of storms from Indiana to Texas:
http://www.weather.com/maps/activity/golf/uslightningstrikes_large.html?from=mapofweek
(Glenn, 1517 UT April 4, ibid.)

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to major storm levels throughout the period. Quiet conditions prevailed from 28 March through midday on 01 April. A weak geomagnetic Sudden Impulse (SI) was observed at 29/1604Z (8 nT as measured at the Boulder magnetometer). The SI likely represented the passage of a halo CME observed on 24 March. ACE solar wind data indicated increased velocities (313 to 398 km/s), as well as increases in density of (2 to 26 p/cc) and the total field (Bt 5 to 9 nT). Interplanetary Magnetic Field (IMF) Bz remained mostly northward following the passage. By midday on 01 April, ACE solar wind observations indicated the onset of a coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) at approximately 01/1600Z. Velocities steadily increased from about 360 km/s to a peak of 665 km/s at 02/2128Z. IMF changes associated with the CH HSS included increased Bt (peaks to 12 nT from 01/2000 - 2100Z) and intervals of southward Bz (maximum deflection of -10 Nt at 01/1628Z). The geomagnetic field responded with periods of unsettled to active levels, including an isolated minor storm period observed at high latitudes at 01/1500Z. These conditions persisted through 03 April with an isolated major storm period observed at high latitudes at 02/1200Z and another isolated minor storm at high latitudes at 03/1200Z.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 06 APRIL - 02 MAY 2011

Solar activity is expected to be very low to low for the majority of

the period. A chance for M-class activity exists from 17 - 30 April due to the return of Region 1176. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels from 06 - 07 April and then return to normal to moderate levels for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet to unsettled from 07 - 08 April due to the effects of a recurrent CH HSS becoming geoeffective. Quiet conditions are expected from 09 - 16 April. A second CH HSS is expected to be geoeffective from 17 - 19 April bringing with it quiet to unsettled conditions. Mostly quiet conditions are expected from 20 - 27 April. Unsettled to active conditions with a chance for isolated minor storm periods at high latitudes are expected due to a third CH HSS that is expected to become geoeffective on 28 April. A return to quiet conditions is anticipated on 02 May as the effects from the CH HSS wane.

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(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1559, DXLD) ###